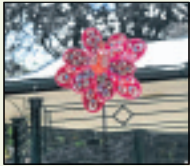


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## Tough rules aim to slim the children

Tough new plans to crackdown on Walsall's childhood obesity epidemic have been revealed – including stricter rules on takeaways, smaller meal sizes and letters home to parents about individual school policies on the issue.

Council bosses say changes need to be made as a "matter of urgency" as more than 720 reception-age children are overweight and obese in the borough. More than 1,000 Year 6 school pupils are also tipping the scales at a dangerous weight according to health chiefs in the borough.

A number of solutions to tackle the problem were due to go before the Walsall Council's decision-making cabinet this week.

They include stricter consultation rules for new takeaways in Walsall. At the moment, when an application for a fast food shop is submitted, consultation letters go out to homes and businesses in a 110m radius – that is now set to be extended to all schools within a 400m radius.

Council bosses are also working to get extra funding for healthy eating schemes and are to use Facebook and Twitter to get messages out.

A "obesity policy" is also being worked on with schools and letters to be sent out to parents letting them know their child's school's approach.

Meanwhile, it was revealed last month that plans were afoot to cut meal sizes after it emerged reception pupils are served the same size portions as those of 11-year-olds.

A working group tasked with tackling obesity suggested a cut in the size and price of meals.

But it is now suggested that growing Year 6 pupils will actually get larger meals to accommodate their "early/accelerated growth".

Councillor Anthony Harris, cabinet member for leisure and culture said: "I think we're all aware of the growing concerns of obesity."

## Two held over shotgun killing

Two men were arrested today on suspicion of conspiring to kill Walsall skip hire boss Richard Deakin. The pair, aged 61 and 33, of Bilston, were being quizzed at a Staffordshire police station about Mr Deakin, 27, being shot twice with a sawn-off shotgun.

Mr Deakin, who ran Walsall-based On Time Skips, died of chest wounds after being shot in his bed at home in Meadow Street, Chasetown, on July 5. Two Bilston men in their early 20s were previously arrested over the murder. They remain on police bail. Police say they believe those behind the murder have links to Wolverhampton, Tipton and Coseley.

BBC's Crimewatch showed chilling CCTV images of a hitman walking through Mr Deakin's back garden in December. Cameras captured the gunman walk past a Wendy house and children's buggies before going into the home.

A black Vauxhall Corsa used by the killers was found abandoned in Coppy Nook Lane between Chasetown and Hammerwich.

## Canaries worth £700 stolen

Twenty-five canaries worth an estimated £700 have been stolen from a collector's home in Walsall. The birds were stolen from Hall Street, Walsall. Sgt John De-Hayes, of Walsall Police, said: "If anyone has been offered some canaries in unusual circumstances, we are asking them to contact us." The owners were too upset to speak.

Victim's devastated family calling on public to help

# GRANDSON IN PLEA TO FIND KILLERS

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The devastated grandson of murdered 92-year-old Daisy Myring has spoken of his family's loss for the first time, describing it as a "personal nightmare".

David Worrall held a press conference in Birmingham one week after the great-grandmother died of head injuries in an attack at her home in Brownhills.

The 44-year-old from Halesowen said: "Seven days ago my grandmother, the kindest most caring of elderly ladies was killed in her own home. We all miss her dearly and need help catching her killer or killers so we can get some semblance of closure from this personal nightmare."

Mr Worrall, who was joined by wife Frances and Mrs Myring's niece Kelly Lee, added: "We need everybody's help."

Police say a third woman had been arrested and bailed on suspicion of murder. A man and a woman from Cannock have also been released on police bail.

"Imagine if this was one of your relatives" he said as he made a desperate plea for information after it emerged detectives have not had a single call from the public in relation to Mrs Myring's murder.

"She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and auntie of a large family," he said. "To her credit and with our blessing, although she was 92 and partially blind and frail, she decided to live alone in her own home."

### Insignificant

"Despite her age, she would always try to help anyone and was always there for advice. We ask you to put yourselves in our position and imagine if this was one of your relatives. We need everybody's help and if you know anything – no matter how small or insignificant it may seem – to contact the police immediately."

"Somebody, somewhere, knows who committed this senseless, horrible murder and we desperately need help in bringing them to justice." Alongside Mr Worrall, was his wife Frances, and Mrs Myring's niece Kelly Lee.

Police say a woman, aged 32 from Norton Canes, Cannock, had been arrested and bailed on suspicion of murder. She was arrested last Friday and bailed over the weekend. A man and a woman from Cannock, aged 40 and 36 respectively, are already known to have been arrested and bailed.

The housebound pensioner was beaten to death in her home in Albion Road. She suffered a fatal blow to the head and was discovered by one of her carers. Mr Worrall added: "She obviously had no enemies and there was no one that she came into contact with that would not have liked her or been affected by her kind nature and positive attitude."

Police are urging anyone who may have any information to get in touch on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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## Going to great lengths



Rebecca Danks from Walsall who is holding a launch party for her new hair and beauty business, set up with the aid of a £4,000 grant.

A single mother from Walsall has gone to great lengths and received £4,000 from the Prince's Trust to set up her own hair extension business.

Rebecca Danks, aged 29, of Moncriess Street, will provide freelance services to salons across the area as well as paying visits to people's homes.

The business, which also specialises in spray tans, will officially be launched with a special party, at Revolution Bar, Bridge Street, on Wednesday June 15, from 7pm.

Rebecca, who is also a DJ at the Revolution Bar, worked for three months with the Prince's Trust to

get up and running. I have worked really hard for this and along the way I have been lucky enough to receive a great deal of help and support," she said.

"This wouldn't have happened without the help of the trust and it is great that they have allowed me to achieve my dream of having my own business which will prove to be a better upbringing for my son."

The event is free and there will also be a red letter day give away and free spray tans up for grabs.

Anyone interested in booking an appointment should contact Rebecca at [hairstypraybeaut.live.co.uk](mailto:hairstypraybeaut.live.co.uk) or call 07757283015.

## Pensioners' free parking is scrapped

Pensioners in Walsall are no longer eligible for free permits allowing their friends and family to park at their homes. The news comes as new charges for residents' parking are introduced, with the cost of a permit increasing from £20 to £40.

Now, people aged over 65 who have received free visitor permits since the scheme first began will have to pay £50.

Residents in affected streets, including Persehouse Street and Holtshill Lane close to the town centre, were hand-delivered letters telling them of the increase.

Chimney sweep Peter March, aged 65, of Persehouse Street, said: "These new charges are outrageous."

"It's extortion in my opinion, bearing in mind that only two roads up from us is free parking. Some people over the age of 65 will find it hard to pay this amount."

Other residents claimed they had become the victims of a system they had initially campaigned for.

### Suffering

Wendy Alpine, aged 60, who has lived in Persehouse Street with her husband Malcolm for 38 years, said: "This residents' parking scheme was set up over 20 years ago instigated by the residents here because we were suffering from people parking in our streets and going in to Walsall town centre. Now we feel like we have become the victims of this."

Under the new charges, a resident parking permit will cost £40 with an additional visitor permit costing £50.

The hike, which was agreed by Walsall Council's cabinet earlier this year, comes after it was revealed £70,000 is spent operating residents' parking schemes but they generate only £7,000.

Walsall's transport chief Tom Ansell said: "Yearly operational costs are around £70,000 which ensures sites are enforced several times each day and yet even with the price increase income from permits will be less than £20,000."

"I accept that residents should not be responsible for funding the entire scheme themselves but even with the price increase the council is still meeting around 80 per cent of the costs."

"Permits are continuing to be issued free of charge to blue badge holders and there is also a 50 per cent discount for carers."

## Elderly woman robbed at home

A robber forced his way into a Walsall pensioner's home before stealing cash and a bank card. The terrified 76-year-old woman was held down on the floor after the attacker burst into her house in Pheasey.

Police revealed she had gone to the back door of her home after hearing a noise and was confronted by a man at 10am on Monday.

He had used a garden fork to force his way in.

She was then ordered to walk him around her home while he looked for things to steal. Police have stepped up patrols in the Pheasey area, where three attacks have taken place on pensioners over the last six weeks.

De Andy Bellingham, from Walsall CID, said: "This was a disgusting attack on an elderly and vulnerable lady."

The man was white, 5ft 4in, unshaven with a dirty complexion and local accent. He was wearing a green khaki parka-style coat and gardening gloves.

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# Hunt for mobiles robber

A mobile phone thief believed to have carried out a spate of attacks in Walsall is being hunted by police.

Officers believe four attacks, which happened within the space of two days in Walsall, are linked.

They have issued a description of a man they want to speak to. Three of the attacks happened within the space of an hour.

The man is white, around 5ft 9ins tall and of stocky build with short, light, mousey-coloured hair and is around 17 to 18-years-old.

In each of the attacks, the thief asked the victim for the time and when they produced their mobile phone he assaulted them, grabbed the phone and ran off.

Det Sgt Richard Marsh, from Walsall CID, said: "We have been able to link the four robberies and are appealing to people for information."

## Identify

"We are hoping that someone saw this man and may be able to identify him. Fortunately this type of crime is very rare and the victims, all men in their late teens, were not seriously hurt. This is a very serious crime and we want to apprehend the offender as soon as possible."

The first robbery happened in Cricket Close, Walsall. At the time, the robber was wearing a dark grey tracksuit top and light grey tracksuit bottoms.

The following day it is believed the same offender struck three more times in the space of an hour.

The first happened in Mellish Road, Walsall.

A 19-year-old victim was assaulted and his phone was taken. Just 10 minutes later, he attempted to steal a phone from a 20-year-old man in Broadway North but was chased away. He then attempted to steal a phone from a 17-year-old man in Park Hall Road at around.

Anyone with information is urged to call Walsall police on 0345 113 5000 or crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## PC learning hub

A learning hub is available at the Hawbush Centre, Beeches Road, Leamore, Walsall, on Tuesdays from 12-2pm, 1-3pm and 9.30-11.30am.

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# Volunteers help out

A group of 10 volunteers have rolled up their sleeves to help improve facilities at Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall.

The team from Mears in Oldbury, along with Midland Heart residents, spent a week organising a large clean-up of the site as well as pruning, replanting and tidying the garden. Residents from Midlands Heart

Elderly Persons scheme in Briarwood, Wolverhampton, were also keen to help with the gardening as they are members of their local gardening club. Acorns' volunteer manager Carl Cadman said: "We really appreciate all the hard work Mears has done." Fiona Norris, of Mears, said: "We are pleased to be able to support and assist the hospice."

# 500,000 illegal cigs are seized in swoop

More than half a million smuggled cigarettes were found by customs investigators when they swooped on a Willenhall industrial estate, a judge heard.

The haul of Gold Classic, a brand manufactured in Cyprus and not sold in this country, should have had £85,000 duty paid on it. The haul was ready to flood the black market but no one has named the Mr Big walsallchronicle@expressandstar.co.uk of the operation.

## Interest in doomed leisure site

At least two businessmen have visited Willenhall's doomed leisure centre in a last-ditch attempt to save it from the bulldozers.

The Bath Street centre closed in August last year to save money for Walsall Council, with demolition expected to start later this month.

But now it seems interested parties have visited the centre recently.

Campaigners had feared the demolition of the centre and swimming baths was a done deal after council chiefs said they would start demolishing it at the end of June.

Council officers have confirmed there has been fresh interest in the centre.

Kevin Kendall, head of property services at Walsall Council, said: "We've had a few people come to look at the property. We're exploring all avenues before we demolish it."

The centre was closed as part of cost-cutting measures by Walsall Council after being revealed as one of the worst performing facilities in the borough.

## Expressed

Businessmen from Willenhall are believed to have taken a tour of the building last week although it is not clear if anyone will make a move to take it over.

Following its closure last year, four businesses came forward and expressed an interest in taking it on.

Hopes were high the Amateur Swimming Association, which admitted it was interested in keeping it as a swimming pool as part of a community asset transfer, would step in.

But bosses at the ASA later ruled themselves out claiming the move was "not viable" due to the age of the building and because it was no longer a working pool.

Demolition of the building is expected to cost around £200,000 and will take up to six weeks to complete.

Campaigners fought a long hard battle to save it from closure even staging protests but to no avail.

Closing the leisure centre will save Walsall Council £1 million over three years.

# Stationery bill review

Walsall Council is spending £885,000 on stationery every year.

The local authority is coming to the end of a three-year deal to buy stationery.

But the service is now set to be reviewed and re-tendered. Council bosses said a review of the deal would ensure they are still receiving the best price and service. In a report to

the decision-making cabinet, it said the current set-up had saved the authority £120,000 a year for the past three years. It is hoped a review of the current operation will result in savings on the £885,000 the council is spending on stationery every year.

The award of the contracts for the provision of council stationery was due before the cabinet on June 8.

# Schools will get £360,000

Two Walsall schools are in line for a cash injection of more than £360,000. Barr Beacon Language College, Aldridge, and Hillary Primary, Palfrey, will spend the cash on new classrooms and remodelling the buildings.

Hillary, recently given permission to increase admissions from 60 to 90 to cope with a baby boom, will get £350,000 to overhaul the interior. The cash will form the second phase of work to expand the school—and it was also revealed the first phase is due to be completed in September.

The £350,000 scheme will see the remodelling and refurbishment of the Key Stage 2 building at the Hillary Street school and is due to be completed by September 2012.

Meanwhile, Barr Beacon Language College is due to get £12,805 towards a £500,000 project to create extra space.

The cash has come from section 106 payments made during development work at Atlas Works, in Sandwell Street. Money will be used to provide additional teaching space at the Old Hall Lane school. Both schemes were due before Walsall Council's cabinet this week.

## Flasher gets court order

A man who exposed himself to two women as they walked their dog in Willenhall has been handed a community order.

Jacob Hulme, aged 20, of Howe Crescent, New Invention, had admitted exposure on the day his trial was expected to start last month.

Mr Roger Bleazard, prosecuting, said the two women, aged in their 40s, saw Hulme exposing himself on land off Villiers Street, Willenhall, in February.

Walsall Magistrates Court heard last week that Hulme originally denied the offence but on the day of his trial he changed his plea.

A statement from one of the women said: "I'm totally shocked and scared." Mr Paul Hyatt, defending, said jobless Hulme had no previous convictions. Hulme was given a three-month curfew between 7pm and 7am and ordered to pay £50 compensation to each of the women and £200 costs.

## Walks will be memorials

Three walks will be held in Walsall this summer in memory of one of the borough's longest serving volunteers. Bloxwich-born Trevor Antill, who died in August last year aged 73, gave up his time for Walsall Council, leading guided walks.

The first Trevor Antill Memorial Walk will take place on at 10am on June 12 at Sandwell Valley. The entire walk is expected to finish at 3pm. Booking is essential and places cost £3. Call 0121 553 0220. Two further walks in memory of Trevor are planned on June 26 from Redhouse Park, Great Barr to Aldridge, and on July 10 from Aldridge to Chasewater.

## New taxi firm helps charity



Sajid Ali and Adam Omer from Roman Cars with Chris Williams from Woodlands Adventure and centre users, Roxy Payne, aged 17 and Garth Crutchley, 19

A new taxi firm in Walsall which created 15 jobs has vowed to donate 5p of every fare to charity.

Roman Cars, Chester Road, Streetly, is hoping to raise thousands for Woodlands Adventure Centre in Aldridge.

The centre works with teenagers to boost their confidence through outdoor activities and pursuits.

Roman Cars owner Sajid Ali said the firm wanted to help local youngsters develop new skills and talents.

Mr Ali said he would also allow Woodlands the use of his drivers

whenever possible. "We were looking to help a charity which would help local residents and Woodlands seemed perfect," he said. "Taxi companies are not known for giving back to the community and we want to be different."

"We want to have a good strong community basis with our customers."

The company opened for business on May 23.

For more information on Woodlands Adventure Centre, Bourne Vale, call 0121 353 7329.

## Fixer

In it was £36,000, which would have been used to buy the cigarettes.

Mrs Campbell said a fourth defendant, Dean Gardner, 38, of Lichfield Road, New Invention, Willenhall, was the "organiser" or "fixer".

The prosecutor said Mohamed, 36, of Melvin Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham, was the driver for the deal. She said Mills, aged 40, of Cannock Road, Wednesfield, was acting on behalf of an unknown buyer and that Rix, 38, of Albion Road, Willenhall, was assisting Mills.

All four men pleaded guilty to an offence of fraudulently avoiding duty.

## Cabaret time

A cabaret show with songs from The Drifters will be staged at Banks's Stadium this autumn. It will take place at Walsall FC on October 15. Tickets are £30 including a four course meal or £18 for the show only. Call 01922 651414.

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## Saga of the signs at an end

Electronic road signs giving up-to-date traffic news in Walsall have finally gone live – more than a year late.

The long-overdue signs are now operational in Wolverhampton Road, Bescot Road, Lichfield Road, Darlaston Road, Birmingham Road and Somerfield Road.

The £100,000 project was due to become active around Easter last year but has been hit by long delays due to connection problems.

Transport chief Tom Ansell said: "All the electronic information signs have now been switched on and we were able to use them to warn motorists of an accident."

"The information is appropriate to what is happening and the majority of the time they are being used to display safety advice messages."

## Threats admitted

A man from Walsall has admitted leaving an offensive voicemail message on his ex-partner's phone in which he threatened to set fire to her face.

Michael Hancox, aged 24, of Faraday Road, Beechdale, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court last week. He admitted leaving the voicemail on May 24 after his former partner, Chelsea Rathbone failed to answer his call.

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said Hancox had been calling regarding the couple's son.

Mr Glyn Whitehouse, defending, said there had been an issue over the child which had since been resolved.

The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence report to be prepared and Hancox was bailed until June 27.

## Coffee cash

A coffee morning by a church has raised £185 for St Giles Walsall Hospice. Volunteers at Christ Church in Blakenall Heath, Walsall, baked cakes and made jams and pickles for the event on March 26.

## Quiz night

A quiz night is being held at Walsall Football Club later this month. It will be hosted by Russ Johnson at the Banks's Stadium on June 21. It costs £6 for a team of four. For further details, contact 01922 651414.

# Memorial to fallen back home at last

From the playing field to the battlefield, their all-too-short lives were always entwined. Sixty-seven pupils from Bloxwich's Elmore Green School grew up to be 67 soldiers fighting in the Great War.

Now, a First World War memorial plaque has been returned to the school following an absence of more 50 years.

It went missing almost 10 years ago after its then home was knocked down. But after an appeal in the local press, it was located at a Staffordshire stonemason's.

The plaque, the size of a set of double doors, has been fitted in the hall at Elmore Green Primary School after being taken out of storage.

All the young men had been pupils at the site prior to the Great War of 1914 to 1919 when it was a secondary school.

Current head Jane Humphreys said the return of the memorial was extremely poignant for the school, as some of the staff, including herself and pupils had relatives named on it.

Originally dedicated in 1920, the tablet cost £130, money raised by Elmore Green's Old Boy's Committee, which organised whist drives and children's events. It was made by Frederick T Perry, a sculptor from Lichfield.

### Erected

It was erected in the Elmore Green Road school where it stood for 40 years, before it was moved to T.P. Riley Community School in Lichfield Road.

It disappeared from public view when the site was bulldozed in 2002, to be replaced by Walsall Academy which was unable house it.

In the years that followed Walsall Council museum staff drew a blank over its whereabouts, with staff scouring storerooms to find it.

But after an appeal in the local press around three years ago by campaigner Edna Marshall, whose uncle Thomas Ecclestone is listed, it was located at Cannock stonemasons A Walker & Son where it had been taken for safe keeping.

Miss Humphreys said the whole community was delighted the memorial had been found.

"We are thrilled to bits because we have relatives listed too," she added. "My great uncle Ambrose Squires is on it, along with Frank Lloyd the great uncle of our parent support advisor Josie Lloyd."

"All the staff and children are very proud to have it in the school especially since one of our community projects is fundraising for Help for Heroes. "It's important for our children to understand there is a connection between the past and present, and for them to relate to events."

Arrangements are now being made for a dedication ceremony to be held to mark the return.

The memorial features a beautifully carved statue of a sailor on the left side, and a soldier on the right.

At the top is carved the '1914-1919' and the words, 'To the glory of God and in memory of the old boys of this school who fell in the Great War'. At the



Pupils Joe Berrington and Renee Brown, both aged 11, dust the memorial

bottom, it reads: 'Their name liveth for evermore'.

Among the soldiers honoured is Able Seaman John Thomas Rowbotham, known as Tom, who died aged 23 when his ship the cargo vessel SS Kilmahoy was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in May 1917 near Cornwall.

It was carrying railway materials between Cardiff and Dunkirk. Tom had joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve and lived in Church Street.

### Battles

Also 2nd Lt. Frank Lloyd was among the few who had served prior to the Great War and survived to the end.

His family lived in Little Bloxwich Lane. He had initially served in the South Staffordshire Regiment and fought in several battles in France. He eventually went to air cadet training and was posted to RAF Rochford in

Essex with 61 Squadron. Sadly he was killed, aged 23, on February 1, 1919 in a flying accident when his aircraft hit a live tram wire near Westcliff-on-Sea. He was buried in Bloxwich Cemetery, Field Road.

Bertram Elks had lived at 32 Wallington Heath and had also fought in the Somme, France with the South Staffordshire Regiment. He died, aged 23, on April 13, 1918, of gunshot wounds to the abdomen suffered the previous day near Bailleul the scene of a battle.

Retired teachers Ken Wayman, 62, and Barry Crutchley, 68, both of Pelsall, have been researching the lives of all the men listed on the cream coloured alabaster memorial. Mr Wayman taught at T.P. Riley for 25 years.

"They are now writing a new book and want to hear from surviving relatives of six to find out more about



Frank Lloyd - flying accident



Bertram Laurence Elks - wounds

them. These are: L. Edward Beech or Leonard Beech, Horace Hill or Horace H Hill or Horace L Hill, Edward Jones or Ernest Jones, Alfred Leonard Main, John Louis Malpass also known as Leonard Morris.

Finding information about the James Smith or Joseph Smith on the plaque has proved particularly tricky as at least four men were living in the area at the time with the same initials and age.

### Research

Mr Crutchley said: "Most of the 67 names on the plaque have proved to be straightforward research but there are a few that still need verification and additional information."

"We would appeal to anyone who may have links to the men to get in touch with us."

Contact them on 01922 683668 or 01922 691515.

## 900 referred with cancer concerns

More than 900 people were referred to hospital with suspected cancer in Walsall in just three months – with only 25 not seen by a specialist within the standard 14 days.

A total of 933 people were referred to Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust in the first three months of the year, with the highest rates being for suspected breast, stomach or skin cancer.

A total of 25 patients were not seen by a specialist doctor within the two-week period, that was down to the patients either cancelling or rearranging their appointments.

Of the 25 people not seen within two weeks, six had to wait up to 16 days, 12 faced a wait up to 21 days, four between 22 and 28 days and three people had to wait longer than 28 days.

Robert Hodgkiss, divisional director for family health and diagnostics in Walsall, said: "The National Cancer Pathway was introduced so that a specialist would see any patient as quickly as possible, to confirm or exclude a cancer diagnosis."

### Personal

"The 25 people who did not get to see a specialist at Walsall Manor Hospital within two weeks was due to the patient's own choice, very often we find that patients rearrange their appointments for their own personal reasons."

"Whilst we adhere to the 'Patient Choice' system, it is really important for patients to get the problem checked out and to see a specialist as soon as possible, early diagnosis of a disease may mean more effective treatment and better outcomes."

One hundred per cent of patients with suspected brain tumours and lung or testicular cancer were seen within a fortnight. According to the latest Department for Health figures, there were two cases of suspected children's cancer, with both patients seen within two weeks. Breast, stomach, skin and gynaecological cancer scares were the most common, affecting 304, 144, 128 and 80 people respectively in Walsall. One person was seen for a suspected brain tumour, 16 for suspected lung cancer, three for testicular and 76 for head and neck.

## Travellers use site for camp

Travellers have set up camp on land in Brownhills, despite council workers being in the process of installing wooden bollards to try and block the site.

A seven-strong convoy has settled on land at Holland Park, which has become a notorious hotspot for caravans. Walsall Council was putting bollards in place to tackle the long-term problem.

The travellers were noticed on the site off Chester Road North and a notice has been served asking them to leave immediately.

Brownhills councillor Barbara Cassidy said there were caravans on the land just three weeks ago and that it was a regular problem.

She added there was a need for a designated area for travellers in the borough and would be raising the matter with the authority.

"These people have got to go somewhere but Holland Park is not the ideal site," Councillor Cassidy said. "It is very prominent and people do get angry and upset about it."

"This is an ongoing problem and there were caravans there three weeks ago. It must cost a lot of money to clean up."

Communities chief Councillor Zahid Ali, said: "We are working with police through the appropriate legal processes and a notice was served asking them to leave immediately."

"Before their arrival, measures had already started to secure the site with the erection of wooden bollards to prevent future access to the land."

"This work is in progress and is due to be completed imminently."

It comes after a similar problem patch of land in Pelsall was blocked off by council bosses.

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## Schools look set to grow

Extra places will be created at two Walsall schools under plans unveiled to help education bosses cope with a baby boom.

Reception places at Caldmore Primary School will be doubled from 30 to 60 under the new plans, while Aldridge's Leighwood Primary will increase its numbers from 75 to 90.

It will be the second time it has created extra places. Both schools are currently over-subscribed. Education bosses in Walsall are bracing themselves for even more demand over the coming years.

Predictions show there could be 3,592 reception pupils in Walsall by 2019 to 2020 compared to 3,511 this year. Three other primary schools are already being enlarged to cope.

Education councillor Rachel Andrews said: "These proposals will help to ensure we have sufficient places to meet the demand and enable greater resources to be targeted at teaching and learning."

"This will help meet a growing demand for places caused partly by a national rise in birth rates and proposed housing developments in the areas and support parental choice."

The proposals were due before Walsall Council's decision-making cabinet this week and if approved, will then go out to formal consultation before the end of June. Cash for new classrooms would come from the Department for Education.

A report going before council chiefs reveals the number of places is greater than the projected number of pupils until 2015 to 2016.

However, it adds as pupil numbers increase, there will be pressures on school accommodation.

## Care boss on theft charge

A manager of a Walsall care home accused of stealing more than £7,000 from an elderly patient will have her case heard at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Sylvia Irving-Johnson, aged 52, of Nechells Park Road, Birmingham, is the manager at Little Ashmill Residential Care Home, Stanhope Way, Pheasey.

She is accused of stealing the money from a disabled resident suffering from spina bifida and mental health problems.

The case at Walsall Magistrates Court was adjourned until July 5.

## Barbecue in the park for young

A barbecue has been organised in Oak Park, off Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood, for youngsters from 6-8pm on June 2.

The event has been set up by Aldridge and Beacon area partnership team and is aimed at 14 to 19-year-olds.

Among those expected to be on hand to offer advice are West Midlands Police, the fire service, neighbourhood watch and the substance misuse service T3.

## Fundraiser in finals

A fundraiser from Willenhall who has raised thousands of pounds for charity has made it to the finals of a search to find the country's local heroes.

Glyn Marston, aged 48, from New Invention, is through to the finals of Everards Ale Local Heroes awards.

If he wins, the father-of-two will be awarded £5,000 for a charity of his choice. He said: "Wouldn't it be great

if Walsall were to have the winner of this national award."

"I feel so honoured to be in the final of this event and to be one of the final 12 is a real achievement for myself."

"The £5,000 will be a huge boost to my fundraising—I hope that our community gets behind me and takes the time to vote for me."

To vote, people can visit [www.everards.co.uk/tigerlocalhero](http://www.everards.co.uk/tigerlocalhero).

## Fears over care firm

Britain's biggest care home firm which looks after more than 30,000 elderly people is aiming to cut its rent bill amid a financial crisis.

Southern Cross, which runs 750 homes, including around five in Walsall, is trying to stave off bankruptcy. But if the firm does go under, many of its homes are likely to be shut forcing thousands of frail, elderly residents to be moved into

alternative accommodation. The care home provider will underpay its rent to landlords as it battles to find a long-term solution to cash problems. The cut is effectively a loan from its landlords.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said: "We have got contingency plans in place but this is a very widespread issue, wider than the West Midlands and the Black Country."

## 60 fined in blitz on drivers

More than 60 fines were given to drivers flouting traffic laws in Walsall town centre during a second crackdown in a matter of weeks.

Motorists were hit with £30 fixed penalty notices after being caught using a bus lane in Hatherton Road.

The three-hour operation was carried out and a total of 66 fixed penalties were issued. Three were to taxi drivers.

The latest move came after a similar crackdown last month when 75 motorists were hit with fines.

Police have vowed to target those breaking the law again over the coming months. There have been complaints to officers about drivers ignoring restrictions.

The inconsiderate drivers are using the bus lane and turning right into Lichfield Street from Hatherton Road, which is now banned.

Along with the fixed penalty tickets one motorist was issued with a £60 fine and will receive three points for entering a road which displayed a no entry sign. One driver also received a ticket for using a mobile phone.

PC Simon Pестel, from the town centre team, said: "This further operation was carried out following complaints to local police and there have also been several near collisions."

"We want to warn motorists that we will be continuing to crack down on drivers who blatantly ignore the restrictions."

## Cables theft suspect bailed

A man has appeared in court accused of trying to steal cables from an electricity substation in a burglary that left another man with 90 per cent burns and caused a power cut.

Daniel Timmins, aged 30, of Short Street, Wednesbury, is charged with burgling the substation within Wilkinson & Mitchells in Bright Street, Darlaston, on May 21.

A 34-year-old man who was also at the scene is in critical but stable condition at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham after he was engulfed in flames.

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said the incident caused up to £15,000 of damage, and the injured man's condition was "unknown" at this stage. Timmins was released on conditional bail and is due to appear before Walsall Magistrates' Court again on July 12.

## Air views on garden plan

A public consultation is being held over plans to create a memorial garden in Walsall to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee.

Residents of High Heath and Shelfield are being invited to look at plans drawn up to create a garden in the area.

They will be on show on June 11 from 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Francis School, in Mill Road, Shelfield. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# Stolen cars ring man is now facing prison

A major stolen vehicle racket that saw hundreds of thousands of pounds of cars stolen has been smashed by police in the region.

A man from Walsall is facing jail for his part in the crime. Detectives believe up to a dozen vehicles may have been taken apart at an industrial unit in Wolverhampton, which was also being used to store four stolen Mercedes. The crimewave has struck affluent areas around the West Midlands and South Staffordshire, with raiders breaking into homes and searching for keys.

The thieves steal cars to order, for their valuable parts or even for kudos.

The site, on the Stow Heath Industrial Estate, Monmore Road, Wolverhampton was being rented by Yaser Hussain.

The 27-year-old from Essex Street has admitted conspiracy to receive stolen vehicles and was due to be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Alongside him in the dock will be Jordan James, 20, of Albion Road, West Bromwich, who has admitted a similar offence.

### Tracking

Police were led to the site by a tracking device on a VW Scirocco taken during a burglary in Cheshire. But there was no sign of a VW Golf R32 taken during the same burglary.

James was detained in the sloop on the industrial unit on March 23 last year where keys for a string of cars taken during raids were found. Hussain, who had taken out a 12-month lease on the unit in July 2009, was not at his address when police called but was arrested three months later. No evidence has been found either were involved in stealing the cars.

### Charity cash

Darlaston Rotary Club has raised £1,500 with a health check day raising £600 to buy a shelter box to help in a natural disaster and a frog race evening raised more than £900 for other charities.

Mr Jackson said a pregnant woman, Ayanda Ngezane, and her partner, Kenneth Williams, had been asleep in a downstairs flat at the time.

They only awoke to evacuate the property after hearing the noise of firefighters walking upstairs.

Mr Jackson said officers from the fire service were concerned about the lack of fire safety measures.

A follow-up inspection was carried out a day later when the full extent of the breaches were identified.

Mr Jackson said: "This was an extremely serious incident. The property was a death trap."

Khan admitted five charges of breaching fire regulations and his case was committed to Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentence on July 8.

Mr Mohammed Kasuje, mitigating, said Khan had been unaware of the provisions needed to be put in place.

## Eve is ready for retirement



Managing director Peter Lewis congratulates Eve Jackson on her retirement

A grandmother has retired from a building contractor in Willenhall after more than 40 years of service.

Eve Jackson, of Walnut Avenue, Codsall, Wolverhampton, dealt with invoices and paying subcontractors for IB Construction in Spring Lane for 42 years.

The 68-year-old was handed a bouquet of flowers and £750 of Thomson travel vouchers by managing director Peter Lewis when she retired earlier last week.

The grandmother-of-two, who is married to retired dairy supervisor John, 72, said: "It was a busy job. I felt ready to retire."

Mrs Jackson, who intends to continue being a voluntary helper at St Nicholas C of E School in Codsall, added: "I was a bit shocked at getting the bouquet and travel vouchers."

Mr Lewis said: "She is a lovely, lovely lady. She has been a joy to work with."

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## Day trip treat for residents 35 jobs from relaunch

Residents in a Walsall community working to improve the image of the area are to be treated to a day trip.

The Birchills and Reedswood Neighbourhood Watch-Agenda 21 Group has been awarded a £2,000 grant by Walsall Housing Group towards the cost of the outing.

Its members organise litter picks and campaign on commu-

nity issues, including vandalism, parking and crime prevention.

Group chairman Chris Jones said: "We are now running our group in conjunction with Pleck Neighbourhood Watch who previously attracted a grant for a similar activity."

"They suggested that we apply to Walsall Housing Group for a grant to take our members on a trip.

"We have been successful and got £2,000 to take our members and perhaps a friend or relative on a day trip.

"We have been sent a letter by the housing group and we are very grateful for their support," added Mr Jones.

"We haven't decided where we're going as yet and we'll need to consult our members about the destination."

More than 35 jobs will be created following the relaunch of a Brownhills pub which will open this summer.

The derelict Hussey Arms is being revamped into a Hungry Horse pub and restaurant by brewers Greene King. Work to transform the site, off Chester Road North, is expected to be finished around August. A recruitment drive for full and part-time positions is due to start in July. The building has stood empty since last year but its

extension and refurbishment has been agreed by Walsall Council. Bosses have not revealed the cost of the revamp.

Greene King said: "We're pleased to confirm that The Hussey Arms will be opening as a Hungry Horse later this summer. Work will start on the site on June 6 and we hope to open in August."

"We're delighted the reopening of The Hussey Arms means we can create more than 35 jobs."

## Action call now centre is levelled

A derelict community centre which had become a magnet for fly-tippers and vandals in Walsall has finally been demolished, prompting calls for the site to be redeveloped as soon as possible.

Roapp Hall, Darlaston became a magnet for drug users and vandals when it closed several years ago.

New owners came in to take over the site in Dorset Road, and have now completed the last stages of the demolition. They plan to build a residential rehabilitation centre for spinal injury patients on the site.

It will be the first centre of its kind in the West Midlands. Plans were approved by Walsall Council planning officers earlier this year.

Councillor Paul Bott, independent representative for Darlaston South, said homeowners living nearby were having problems trying to sell their properties due to the problems created by the site. He added local residents had been fed up with the constant mess and anti-social behaviour at the site.

However, the problems have evaporated now that the building has gone.

Councillor Bott said: "It's taken the anti-social behaviour away from that site. We were getting complaints about it all the time at one point, so it's much better than how it was."

"But the more it's left, the more vulnerable it is to fly-tipping again. What it needs now is something to be done with it. The way the climate is at the moment though, it's a matter of just hoping something happens."

The site, on which the community centre was built in 1937, is set to become a new centre for the rehabilitation of patients with spinal injuries, featuring hydrotherapy pools and a team of physiotherapists, nurses and consultants to help people recover from accidents.

The plan is said to be the first of its kind in the region and is similar to a centre at the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital.

## Man has his cash stolen

An elderly man had his lifesavings stolen while being distracted at a Willenhall supermarket.

Police have released a CCTV image of a woman they would like to speak to in connection with the theft.

The 74-year-old may have been followed to Morrison's supermarket in Middle Piece Way after withdrawing his savings from a bank.

Two women distracted him before stealing the cash last month, and police say they would like to speak to a woman who is white, 5ft 9in, with dark, shoulder-length hair, and a foreign accent.

She was wearing a short denim skirt, dark leggings and a long white t-shirt with a checked blouse. She was also wearing a dark, woollen hat. Police say more than £2,000 was stolen.

Pc Deb Ashley, from Willenhall police station, said: "We are appealing for anyone who may be able to identify this woman to contact us."

Anyone with information on the theft, which happened between 10.30am and 11.30am on April 12, can call 0345 113 5000.

# We are winning war on vice girls - claim

Scores of men have been arrested in a hard-hitting crackdown on prostitution in Walsall's red light districts after patrols by plain clothes officers.

The have been focusing on Caldmore, Palfrey and Pleck and said they were winning the war on prostitutes and kerb crawlers with their "zero tolerance" approach.

Since the new crackdown - known as Operation Nominal - started at the beginning of February, officers have arrested 10 kerb crawlers and more than 50 prostitutes have been reported.

Police have also issued 15 "engagement and support orders" to help prostitutes get out of the sex trade.

The latest to be caught kerb crawling is Stephen Hucker, aged 38, of Dartmouth Close, Coalpool, who has been ordered to pay £300 by the courts.

He drove around the red light district in his Vauxhall Cavalier on May 13, performing several U turns before stopping to pick up a prostitute in Wellington Street, Pleck, Walsall Magistrates' Court heard.

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said: "It was part of an ongoing operation in the red light district, as a result of a variety of community com-

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plaints. He stopped in Wellington Street and a woman got into the vehicle. The police then stopped the vehicle."

Self-employed mobile mechanic Hucker originally denied the offence, saying he had pulled over to answer a text message, and had seen the woman, who he knew. He later admitted kerb-crawling.

He was not represented in court, and asked magistrates not to order the forfeiture of his car, or disqualify him from driving, as he needed to drive for his work.

### Soliciting

Hucker, who admitted soliciting another for the purpose of obtaining their sexual services, was ordered to pay a £200 fine, £85 costs and £15 surcharge.

Pc Paul Fairhurst, from Walsall police station, said: "We have listened to the concerns of the local community."

"We have adopted a zero tolerance approach and will be regularly patrolling the area. Anyone found soliciting will be dealt with robustly."

"We are already pleased with the results and will continue to work with our partners to find a way to help the most vulnerable members of the community."

## Couple to reopen pub



New landlord and landlady of The Swan, Brownhills, Geoff and Jane Taylor

An historic pub which dates back almost 180 years is to reopen and will get £40,000 makeover over the next few years.

The Swan in Brownhills shut earlier this year and has been empty ever since, sparking fears it may never reopen.

But it is now being taken over by Geoff and Jane Taylor, who said they were thrilled.

There has been a pub at the Pelsall Road site since 1834 and its reopening will be seen as a big boost to the town.

As part of the takeover improvements will be carried out to the bar

and function room and there will also be benches installed outside. The Taylors are from Brownhills and previously ran the Prince of Wales, Watling Street.

Mrs Taylor, aged 50, said: "We want to get it nice and clean and tidy over the coming years and want to reconfigure it all."

"We are looking to spend around £40,000 over the next few years."

"Everyone seems to know this pub, it is a bit of a landmark and we are looking forward to taking over."

"We are looking to open in the middle of July."

## Search for family

Coroners' staff are appealing for the family of a man who died at his home in Darlaston to come forward.

Gordon Fryer died at his home in Wesley Fold, Pinfold Street, on May 26. It is believed the 79-year-old had a son and possibly two daughters.

Call Margaret Collins on 0845 352 7480 if you have any information.

## Band show

Willenhall Salvation Army Band will play a concert of Christian music at Willenhall Memorial Park on July 17.

## Mixed messages in housing wrangle

A long-running dispute to remove a homeowner from an abandoned Walsall estate could soon be resolved, housing chiefs have claimed.

Around 280 houses have already been bulldozed to clear the way for a new development of more than 900 homes on the once rundown Goscote Estate.

But amid the rubble, a determined homeowner has refused to leave his home until he gets what he deems a "reasonable offer" for it.

Glenn Miller has become the last man standing on the estate and his refusal to leave his home of more than 20 years in Goscote Lodge Crescent has held up the redevelopment for more than two years.

But bosses at Walsall Housing

Group have hinted an end may be in sight to the dispute.

Elaine Weston, the group's head of development, said: "Work to rehouse our customer and take possession of the home is progressing steadily and is on track to be completed within the month."

Mr Miller said he was not aware of any progress and the situation was the same as before, with him waiting for what he believes to be a fair offer for his home.

Over the last few years, hundreds of homes have been bulldozed as part of plans to regenerate the Goscote Lane corridor.

The land has now become a magnet for yobs, with firefighters called frequently to extinguish fires.

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# Murder suspects held as pensioner, 92, dies

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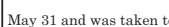
Police have been given more time to question two people arrested on suspicion of murder following the death of a 92-year-old woman who was found with a fatal head injury at her home in Walsall.

A post mortem on the body of Daisy Myring has revealed the pensioner, of Brownhills, died as a result of blows to the head and body.

A 36-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man, both from Cannock, have been arrested and were helping police with inquiries.

Mrs Myring was found at her home in Albion Road at around 7.10am on May 31 and was taken to hospital where she later died. Neighbours said she lived on her own and was registered blind. Detectives believe she would have known her attackers.

Victim Daisy Myring, 92



## Reassure

A police cordon was put outside the house as investigations went on and patrols were stepped up in the area in a bid to reassure residents.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Sarah Astbury said: "A post mortem has taken place revealing the woman died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head and body."

Acting Det Ch Insp Wayne Jones, of Force CID, said: "We would like to appeal to anyone who may have information to come forward and contact us."

"Anyone who comes forward with information will be treated in the strictest confidence."

Neighbours have expressed their shock at what has happened with some speculating a burglary may have taken place, although police would not confirm that.

Mrs Myring had lived at the address for more than 20 years.

Anyone with information is asked to call Force CID on 0345 113 5000.

## Plea to find stolen pet Jessie

Thieves stole a Husky dog from the back garden of a Walsall home, leaving her owners devastated.

Police are investigating after five-month-old red and white Siberian Husky Jessie went missing from the garden of the home on the Yew Tree Estate.

Her devastated owner Jas Thiara has launched a large-scale hunt to find her, with posters on lamp posts in the area and a Facebook campaign in full swing.

The 24-year-old, of Lime Tree Road, said: "Jessie was in the garden and I could see her through the window and said hello to her. Then a little while later I went to go outside to see her and she was nowhere to be seen."

Police in Walsall are investigating the possible theft and are urging anyone with information to get in touch by calling 0345 113 5000. Jessie's disappearance has also been reported to lost dog search service KP.

Anyone who spots Jessie, who has been microchipped, should call 07581711093 or K9 on 07988433187.



Stolen Jessie



Jas Thiara wants to find Jessie, who was stolen from her garden in Walsall

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# £1m bridge planned for village

A £1 million bridge is to be built next to a crumbling old one in Pelsall.

The structure will be created alongside York's Bridge, which dates back to the 1800s.

When complete, the bridge will be able to cope with heavier traffic which transport chiefs say the historic one cannot.

Pelsall Civic Society fear the old, weight-restricted bridge will eventually be demolished to make way for future constructions on nearby fields, recently snapped up by developer St Modwen.

British Waterways and Walsall Council have shared ownership of the bridge above the Wyrley & Essington Canal next to the Fingerpost pub in Norton Road.

Consultant engineers Atkins have been appointed to design the proposed structure and carry out ecological surveys near Pelsall North Common.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "The bridge dates from the 19th Century and simply wasn't built for 21st Century levels of traffic."

"The bridge currently has a weight restriction on it. A lot of work needs to be done in order to help secure the money to fund it." He said no date has been set for building work.

"Not only is the bridge quite old, a new bridge will help straighten the road above a view to making it safer," he added.

Over the past 12 years there have been

10 road traffic incidents resulting in 16 casualties.

Chairman of Pelsall Civic Society Andrew Weller said: "We have a suspicion there are plans to extract coal and clay from the nearby fields and after that it may become a landfill site."

"All the old bridge needs is some pointing work to spruce it up. We would like to see traffic lights installed at either end to control the traffic using it."

"A new bridge without restrictions will bring more traffic through our village, particularly lorries. We believe satellite navigation systems will guide motorists through Pelsall as the quickest route to Birmingham from the A5."

## Growing challenge to young

Young gardeners are being challenged to grow super sunflowers for St Giles Walsall Hospice.

Children of all ages from across the borough can take part. Entry costs £2 per child and competitors can take part individually or with their school, nursery or club with all proceeds going to the new hospice which recently opened in Goscote Lane, Goscote.

Rachel Ridler, fundraising assistant for St Giles Walsall Hospice, said: "Sunflowers typically grow to heights of between 1.5m and 3.5m, but the tallest ever recorded was nearly 8m."

Each participant gets a packet of sunflower seeds and should send a picture of their bloom, plus its height in centimetres, to St Giles Hospice by July 29. Focus DIY at Walsall Retail Park is supplying the seeds free.

To take part, call Rachel Ridler on 0845 113 0678 or email rachel.ridler@walsall.nh.s.uk

## Ready for a right old time at carnival

Preparations were well under way for this year's Willenhall Carnival, which will include a zumba demonstration, fashion show, karate and dance displays.

The event will be on Saturday, June 11, with the arena opening earlier than usual at 11.20am.

Organiser Sharon Green said the decision to open earlier was to ensure the carnival's biggest crowd ever.

Mrs Green said: "Everything is going well and we're now working on the last minute preparations."

"There is still time for people to get in touch if they want to take out a stall or a car boot place. It's looking set to be the best carnival in years."

This year's event will also include Army and Air cadets, a demonstration by West Midlands Fire Service, dog terrier racing and live music.

As well as the traditional parade, led by carnival queen Stacey Senior alongside princesses and other participants, there will also be donkey rides, entertainers, a craft tent, a car boot sale and funfair.

For more details or to take out a stall, call Sharon on 01902 411611 or 07909 627736.



Ready for this year's Willenhall Carnival - front from left, munchkin Molly White, aged six, Laura Weston, 21, maid of Honour, Alfie Forrest, six, along with, top from left, the princesses Jessica Watts, 15 and Megan John, 13

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# Centre aims to become a bloom town

The centre of Darlaston is getting ready to wowed the judges in this year's Heart of England in Bloom competition. Judges graded the district centre as bronze in last year's competition and this year attention is focused on achieving the prestigious silver award or higher.

## Schooling campaign

Pupils at a Walsall school are aiming to help stop children in disadvantaged countries being denied an education.

Youngsters at Frank F Harrison Engineering College, Leamore have written to Walsall North MP David Winnick.

Mr Winnick said: "This is a national campaign to urge the government here, as well as others abroad, to do far more to deal with the scandalous situation where millions of children are denied any form of schooling."

In his letter to Andrew Mitchell, the secretary of state for international development he urges the government to support the students' request.

Walsall Council's district centre management team, supported by Darlaston Town Centre Partnership, is co-ordinating the entry.

The three main categories judged are horticultural achievement, environmental awareness and community involvement.

Community Payback has agreed to support this year's project and will be carrying out large amounts of painting work in the town from benches, fences and railings to a children's play-ground. Shopfronts in King Street are also being spruced up by local traders.

This year all five district centres - Aldridge, Brownhills, Bloxwich, Darlaston and Willenhall have entered.

# Working men's club goes into liquidation

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A working men's club in Walsall which has more than 200 members is up for sale after going into liquidation.

Chuckery Working Men's Club, once popular with workers from Walsall's Chamberlin & Hill foundry, has ceased trading after 85 years.

It was put into liquidation by its 220 members after hitting problems because of dwindling support for its activities.

The building and grounds in Lincoln Road have an asking price of about £240,000.

Chris Moore senior partner, of Aldridge-based liquidator, KJ Watkin said it was hoped the club, which operated as a friendly society, would be sold on as a going concern.

He said: "It has fallen out of favour and had an ageing membership."

## Unsuccessful

"They tried various initiatives to bring in young people and bring it back to life, but these were unsuccessful. This is a common issue with clubs up and down the country. It had got into a situation where revenues from the club and bar were insufficient to cover its expenses so members indicated reluctantly that it should cease trading."

He added there had been interest from potential buyers since it went into liquidation on May 6. Property agent Fraser Wood is handling the sale.

The club was established in 1926 and in its heyday attracted members from the now demolished Crabtree factory and Chamberlin & Hill foundry. In addition to hosting social events it had a bowling green.

## Veterans fly to France to mark D-Day

Veterans of one of the most daring missions in war history flew out to Normandy to commemorate the D-Day landings.

Millionaire Midlands businessman Trevor Beattie bankrolled the trip for members of the Walsall and District Normandy Association.

Twenty veterans, relatives and friends set off on a coach from Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich, on Saturday, heading for Sywell Aerodrome near Northampton.

There they were boarding three private jets laid on by adman and Wolverhampton Polytechnic graduate Mr Beattie, who is also paying for the party's three-night hotel stay. They attended services to mark the anniversary of the Normandy landings, which began on June 6, 1944, at Colville-Montgomery on Sunday and Bayeux on Monday.

Group leader Ken Reynolds, aged 87, has been making the annual pilgrimage since 1989. The father-of-two, whose five grandchildren include Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds, said: "It is important we go over to commem-



The veterans set off from Bloxwich for their trip to Normandy. Among the group are, from the left, Ken Reynolds, Gordon Poole, James Pound, Ron Davies, Frank Corbett and Ron Smith

orate the lads who didn't come could go to the 65th anniversary of the landings.

Comedian Eddie Izzard was due to meet up with the veterans after performing in Paris. Izzard and Mr Beattie previously donated funds so Normandy veterans

Mr Reynolds, a former director of Jessup Brothers in Cannock who lives in Hednesford, added: "Trevor Beattie has paid for everything, including our hotel."

## Campus copper thieves

Almost £40,000 of copper has been stolen from the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton University, say police.

Thieves got into a secure compound at the site and took two tons of copper cladding earmarked for the new £10 million performing arts centre.

Incredibly, it's thought the thieves were on foot, making several trips across the campus's playing fields.

Police believe it took the thieves up to three hours to move all of the copper, which was worth £38,000.

They also believe the culprits pushed the metal under locked gates at the site off Delves Road.

Sgt Martin Russell, from Walsall police station, said: "We are viewing CCTV footage and believe that if they did use the playing fields to move the copper it would have taken a considerable amount of time and we are hopeful that someone may have seen something suspicious."

The theft took place between 4.30pm on June 1 and 9.30am on June 2.

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# Council cutbacks will see 160 workers lost

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More than 160 workers are leaving Walsall Council this year as a result of cost-cutting. Council bosses also announced that 51 jobs are to go in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Of the 162 workers leaving the authority this financial year, 113 staff are taking voluntary redundancy and 49 jobs have been cut.

A further 28 staff are leaving as a result of a restructure within a single service. The job losses come as the local authority battles to save a total of £70million by 2015.

Work is soon set to begin on drawing up the budget for the next financial year.

Walsall's finance councillor Chris Towe said: "As of May 17 a total of 162 staff have left or are due to leave the authority as a result of the 2011/2012 budget savings approved by council in February together with a further 28 staff as part of a restructure within social care provider services."

## Services

"A total of 113 staff are due to take voluntary redundancy with a further 28 in social care provider services and there are 49 compulsory redundancies."

"The number of further compulsory redundancies is currently under review and where possible will be mitigated through the use of the redeployment process, which has already been used successfully to find new posts for at-risk staff."

"Voluntary redundancy has only been considered in service areas where there is a requirement for staff cost savings, and to avoid the need for compulsory redundancies." Councillor Towe said residents would be consulted as part of the budget setting process for 2012/13.

"In terms of future savings, the 2011/12 budget identified a further 51 posts to be deleted in 2012/13 and 2013/14," he said. He added that the budget process for 2012/13 would start shortly.

Walsall's 2011/12 budget unveiled a raft of cost-cutting measures. It included the closure of Darlaston market, the renegotiation of the contract with education provider Sercio and a reorganisation of the meals on wheels service.

## Plea for pantomime players

A theatre school is looking for raw talent to join the cast of its pantomime.

Directors Alex Rigby-Bishop aged 23 and his foster father Mark Rigby-Bishop aged 36 are looking for actors, dancers and singers to come and tread the boards with them at the YETGA Theatre School, Willenhall.

Alex said: "We are looking for both children and adults to join the cast."

"We are particularly looking for those aged between 12 and 18."

"No acting experience is necessary – just come and join."

The title of the pantomime is still yet to be confirmed but writer Mark and musician Alex say it is a traditional pantomime and they are ready to start rehearsals at the school's base in the Victoria Buildings, Stringers Lane.

Alex said: "What is different about this pantomime is that it is completely original, we have written it all ourselves."

Anybody interested in performing should contact the theatre school on 01902 637959 or 07780524915 or email info@yetga.co.uk



Appealing for help – Angel Podmore, aged nine, front, and Oliver Rudge, 11, with, top, Mark Rigby-Bishop and Jennifer Spratt, 18

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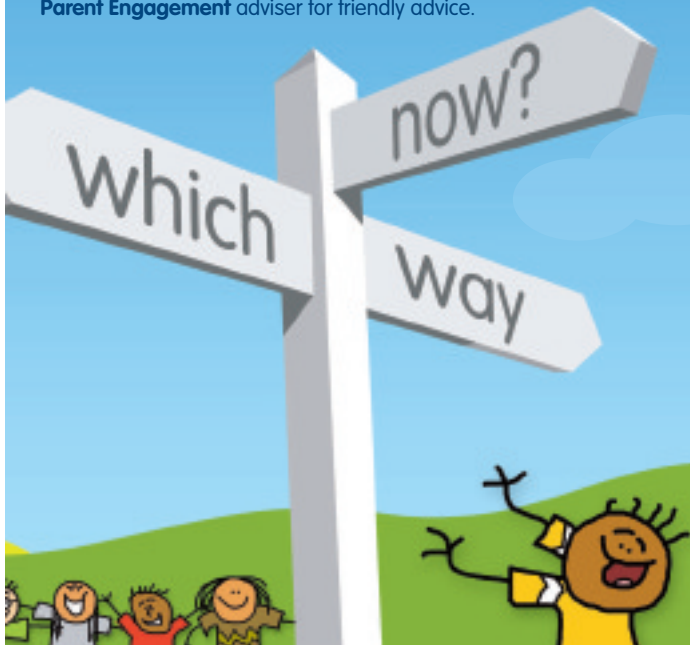
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## 1,200 patients miss appointments

More than 1,200 people across the Black Country and Staffordshire failed to turn up at hospital for non-emergency operations, procedures and appointments in just three months, according to latest figures.

The no-show patients have been accused of wasting time and money and putting their own health and that of others at risk.

A total of 1,247 people failed to attend local hospitals including Walsall Manor, Wolverhampton's New Cross and Russells Hall in Dudley.

The number of missed appointments was 223 in Sandwell, 163 in Wolverhampton, 141 in Walsall and 77 in North

Staffordshire. Walsall PCT spokesman Michelle Cummings said: "It's really important the patients who are unable to attend an appointment that has been booked for them do their best to let the hospital, GP or other healthcare setting know." Dudley had the fewest amount of missed appointments, with just 77.

Patients in Sandwell and South Staffordshire were the most unreliable, clocking up 799 missed "elective admission" hospital appointments between them.

An elective admission is one that has been arranged in advance and is not an emergency. According to the latest Department for Health figures, 576 South

Staffordshire patients referred by their GPs failed to attend their hospital appointment between October and December 2010.

Dr Ken Deacon, medical director of South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust, said today: "This not only costs the NHS thousands of pounds but also wastes clinician time and prevents other patients who may urgently need an appointment from getting one."

NHS Dudley spokesman Laura Broster said: "Every missed appointment will have a cost associated with it and more than ever we need to ensure that we make the most of the money we have available to spend on healthcare in our borough."

### Student to aid the abused

A student from Walsall is to spend two months doing charity work in Paraguay.

University of Worcester student Helen Leech, aged 21 of Aldridge, will work in a home for abandoned and abused girls. "I have always wanted to do this kind of project, especially in Paraguay," she said.

"My godfather was the Bishop of Paraguay and I have grown up in a family which has always been involved in such projects.

"This inspired me to do the same." Helen will work as a volunteer for Operations South America.

With the support of Aldridge parish church and the University of Worcester, she raised all the money she needs to cover the costs of the two-month project.

She organised different fundraising activities and the university's scholarship panel awarded her £800 towards the trip.

### Teams pitch in to help the Heroes

A young navy medic who was home on sick leave after being injured in Afghanistan turned out to support a pub charity football match in Walsall.

The match held at Silverdale Pitches, on Walstead Road was between teams from two pubs The Archers, on Thorncroft Way and The Tiger Inn, Walstead Road.

The teams battled it out on the pitch to raise funds for the soldiers charity Help for Heroes.

Manager of The Tiger Inn, Tom Bedenham, aged 21, who organised the game, was delighted to welcome Navy medical assistant Liam O'Grady of Alexandra Road, Walsall to watch and support the game.

Mr O'Grady, who is part of the Close Support Medical Regiment is back home after being injured in Afghanistan just three weeks ago.

The 21-year-old, attached to the Infantry Mercian Regiment, was injured in a grenade attack by the Taliban.

Mr Bedenham said the football match which was won by The Archers team 11-4 raised more than £200.

He added: "It was a really good game and it made it quite special to have Liam there."



At the match for Help the Heroes is Tigers team captain Tom Bedenham, Liam O'Grady, 21, from Walsall and Archers team captain Gaz Plaza

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# New Manor car parks are open for business

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New car parks at Walsall Manor Hospital which herald the completion of the multi-million pound redevelopment of the site has been opened to visitors.

Demolished buildings including the old East Wing, St John's Ward and the former pathology and outpatients centre have made way for two new visitor car parks with a combined capacity of 450 spaces.

They are in more central positions off Moat Road and Wilbraham Road to make parking easier for patients and visitors.

It is hoped the car parks will tackle the problem of cars clogging up nearby roads.

Police have previously towed vehicles away after reports of workers also leaving cars outside homes despite paying for staff car parks.

## Demolished

The main car park B is in place of the now demolished East Wing and St John's ward and has 300 spaces.

Car park D has 150 spots where the former pathology block stood. It completes a £170 million transformation of the hospital. The existing Belle Vue car park with more than 150 spaces is now for staff only.

Lincoln Dawkin, interim commercial director at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "These are quite significant changes to the hospital site as car park H - the old Belle Vue car park - is no longer available for patients and visitors to park."

Visitors to the hospital on the first day were full of praise of the new arrangements despite the introduction of a new "pay on foot" charging system.

Day patient Margaret Lloyd, 67, of Mulberry Road, Bloxwich, was among the first to arrive in the car park D close to the accident and emergency unit.

"We got in the site without any problems," she said. "It's about time the car parking was improved at the hospital."

"We used to park at the back on Belle Vue if we could find a space, but there is plenty of room now."



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# Mini-school ordered to shut down

A mini-school which was found operating from a house in Walsall has been ordered to close down. Desks, chairs and whiteboards must now be removed from the home in Broadway North after planning chiefs recently voted to take enforcement action.

Neighbours had complained about parents parking in front of their driveways and on the road which is a no-stopping red route, as 16 two-hour lessons took place each week.

Ex-factory worker Ajay Kapur, who set up Top Marks tuition service, told Walsall Council's planning committee he did not

know he needed to get planning permission to change the use of the property.

The 47-year-old spent £40,000 to £50,000 converting his garage into a classroom.

But Councillor Mike Bird said: "I'm certainly not going to support what is going on here as it is outside planning regulations. This is a school which is now tutoring up to 10 people. Four to nine students at a time attend."

In another case, planning chiefs approved plans to change Regina Court, Bridge Street, Walsall, into dance and leisure studio, an art gallery and 10 one-

bedroom flats.

A plan for a £1.3 million youth centre in the grounds of Joseph Leckie Community Technology College, Walstead Road, was approved.

Homes and a care facility will be built on the former Chamberlin and Hill factory site in Reeves Street, Bloxwich, after plans for 32 homes were given the go-ahead.

The committee gave the nod to plans to build homes in Millfield Avenue, despite complaints from neighbours who are concerned about congestion in what they say is already a busy area.

## Repairs company bought

A US firm has taken over an industrial machine repairs company which has a base in Walsall.

It was not yet clear if any redundancies will result from the sale of Lektronix, Aldridge.

The base on Anchor Brook Industrial Park in Lockside handles the UK customers of Lektronix and has a Cannock branch that deals with international trade.

It supplies and repairs industrial computers and automated equipment to manufacturers, ranging from the food and drinks business to heavy industry.

It has been bought out by Rockwell Automation for an undisclosed sum. Lektronix has around 290 employees across 11 sites and eight repair centres in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Chief executive Tony Jones said on the company's website: "Lektronix customers will continue to receive the high level of technical excellence."

## Pupils' bag a big tidy-up in the woods

Walsall pupils helped clean their community as part of this year's Big Tidy Up.

Pupils at Radleys Primary School in Rushall visited woods behind the school for a litter-pick. They are one of several groups organising thorough clean-ups.

Penny Fielden, eco-school co-ordinator, said: "We have a very active eco-team at The Radleys and it was one of the children who came up with the idea of clearing up the woods next to our school for the benefit of all in our community."

Big Tidy Up events are open to the public. People can register at [www.walsall.gov.uk/street\\_care\\_big\\_tidy\\_up](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/street_care_big_tidy_up)

## Bench to be dedicated

A bench is to be installed in honour of Territorial Army soldiers at the National Memorial Arboretum.

The 4th Mercian Volunteer Regimental Association based in Wolverhampton will be among those attending the dedication service on June 18.



Rabbah Javed, aged 10, Michaela Hubbard, nine, and Nazin Warrilow, 11

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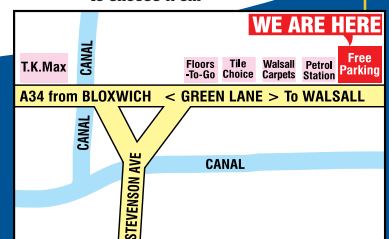
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## Art exhibition is a pleasure



Hazel Jones, aged 76, front, with other members of the group

A group of artists are holding an exhibition to show off their best work and to celebrate seven years of painting together.

The Pleasure Painters, who meet twice weekly at St Michael's Church Community Hall on Leighs Road, Rushall, are putting their handwork on display at the Chasewater Innovation Centre, on Pool Road.

The group, which gets together to paint, chat and share ideas and talents are delighted to be holding the event, particularly as their winter exhibition was disrupted by heavy snowfall in December. Organiser Hazel Jones, aged 76, said: "Very few people were able to attend the exhibition in December, so we are hoping for lots of visitors."

The Pleasure Painters began seven years ago, after the community centre was built. The group has grown from just three members to 24, and includes artists who are both experienced and new to painting. The free exhibition will run until June 24, 10am until 5pm.

The painters held a celebratory event for their seven-year anniversary which included some of the group painting in and around the Innovation Centre.



A painting by June Townsend, aged 64



A wintry scene painted by Hazel Jones



Work by Fred Mason, aged 87, of Rushall

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## Goldie in plea over danger of gangs



Music star Goldie in Wolverhampton to film part of a documentary about his life

Walsall-born music star Goldie has been in the region to film part of a documentary about his life. The drum and bass DJ was at the Wolverhampton's art gallery last week, a venue that featured many of his creations as a teenage graffiti artist.

Goldie, aged 45, said he hoped the 50-minute documentary, which will be featured on the internet, will inspire youngsters in gangs to change their ways.

Goldie's gang member son Jamie Price, who was part of the Heath Town-based Firetown Crew, was jailed for life last year for murdering a young father. "The documentary is about showing that people are capable of turning their lives completely full-circle," said Goldie.

"It is something I lost my own son to. I want to show young men that they can go out and do stuff and I want to encourage them to try to grow. If I can do it, then anyone can." During his visit to the art gallery, Walsall-born Goldie was filmed in the venue's West Room - where he held one of his first graffiti exhibitions as a youngster.

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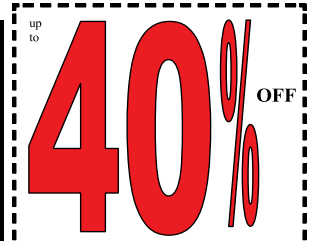


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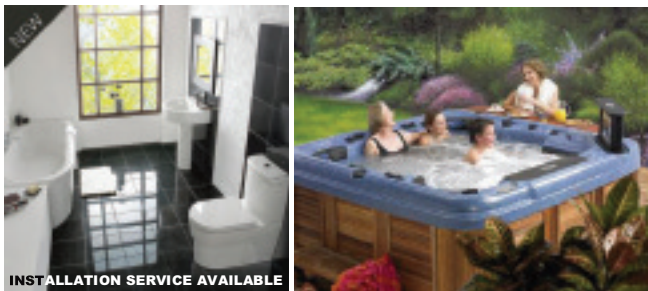
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# Engineering firm investing £1m

More than £1 million is to be ploughed into revamping a historic Walsall factory to safeguard workers' future and create more jobs. Forging company WH Tildesley Ltd, Bow Street, Willenhall, is to replace its main building and invest in new machinery over the next year.

Up to eight new jobs are also poised to be added to the existing 47-strong workforce as a result of the expansion plans at its Clifford Works site. The company dates back more than 130 years. It serves the aerospace, oil and autosport industries with links to Europe and America. Work is

expected to start in the autumn and will take until next summer to complete. It is part of a long-term project to improve the business. Project manager John Coles said: "The main Forge building has been around a long time and we are going to replace that. It is a big investment and is part of our strategic growth plan," he added. "We should be able to create some new jobs, particularly for modern apprenticeships."

The company started off in 1874 making parts for horses including grooming equipment, the company switched to mass man-

ufacture of horse shoe blanks during the First World War. It has flourished over the years and now creates hi-tech parts for different industries.

The fifth generation of the Tildesley family is now at the helm, which was founded by William Horace Tildesley. After William other members of the Tildesley family to take charge were Horace, William and David who took over after the Second World War.

He was succeeded by son Richard in the early 1980s. Richard's brother John joined in the late 80s and is managing director.

## 40 raids are under scrutiny

Police in two local boroughs are investigating 40 distraction burglaries since the beginning of the year.

Burglars posing as water officials, electricity inspectors and gardeners have been preying on the elderly and vulnerable in Sandwell and Walsall, stealing cash, credit cards and jewellery.

Thieves have struck in Walsall 19 times, with Pelsall and Shelfield highlighted as problem areas.

Police issued a warning to residents not to open their doors to strangers - and also unveiled some of their more unusual techniques in stopping the crimes.

In Walsall, actors were brought in to Sheffield Community Academy earlier this month to perform a musical aimed at stopping pensioners becoming victims of doorstep conmen.

Officers' latest scheme is to take over-60s to the borough's Showcase Cinema, where they then issue crime prevention advice over a cup of tea.

## £3m vision of canalside homes unveiled

These are the £3 million plans to create more than 30 canalside homes in the heart of Brownhills.

Walsall Housing Group (WHG) wants to turn land off High Street into an estate of apartments and family homes.

At a public consultation event at Catshill Community Room, Catshill Road, WHG outlined plans for 33 homes next to the Wyrley and Essington Canal - 29 for affordable rent and four for sale.

Work has started building 47 two-bedroom flats on nearby land in a £4 million scheme due to be completed in May 2012.

Bosses hope to submit a planning application for the newest phase of the project in weeks and aim to complete the development by the end of 2012 if it is passed.

Alan Watts, WHG regeneration manager, said six flats across the two developments would be designed specially for disabled people and each would have at least one parking space.

He said: "We are trying to give people a better choice of quality housing. We are hoping to start work in the autumn if we get planning permission."

Funding for the second phase has not yet been secured but Mr



The eye-catching designs for the 33 homes planned for the site off High Street

Watts said he was confident funding would be given by the Homes and Communities Agency. The development would comprise 20 two-bedroom flats, 10 three-bedroom houses and three two-bedroom houses.

### Gateway

Simon Oakley, of Walker Troup Architects, Sutton Coldfield, said he was excited. "It will reinforce

the gateway into Brownhills," he said. Grandmother-of-nine Irene Cresswell, aged 72, of Fullelove Road, Brownhills, went to view the plans. She said: "I think it will be good for the area as long as they keep the promises they have made and make sure the people keep the place tidy."

Grandmother-of-three Beryl Steward, 70, also of Fullelove Road, said: "It does look very nice."

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Rushall Canal taken from Moat Bridge



Buskers by the market place, Walsall.



Cocker Spaniel, Megan, looking bewildered. It was her first day in the garden

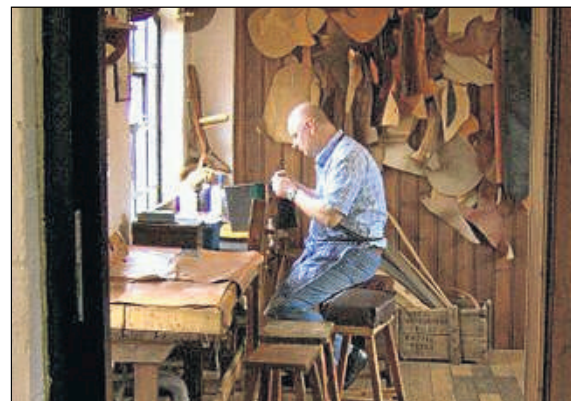
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## Car rockets into the record books

A secondary school in Walsall has entered the Guinness Book of Records for the fastest model rocket car.

Pupils and teachers from Joseph Leckie took part in the record attempt after creating their own vehicles which are ignited electronically.

Around 25 Year 9 pupils were involved in the design process ahead of taking on the challenge last Friday.

The previous record was 75mph and pupils put their cars made of wood, aluminium and a rocket to the test in the playground of the school in Walstead Road.

They proved successful in their quest by recording 88.9mph twice to enter the Guinness Book of Records.

A number of guests including the Mayor of Walsall and youngsters from other schools were invited to see the record-breaking attempt.

Deputy headteacher Richard Thomas said they were delighted to have achieved the record.

"It is fantastic and the children really enjoyed it," he said.

"It has been a really good project for the kids to get involved in."



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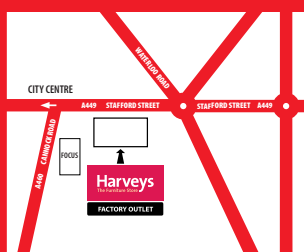
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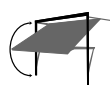
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# Big push to remove danger plant

A total of £100,000 is to be spent clearing a stretch of canal, which runs through Walsall, of an aggressive weed that is taking over the water and killing other plants and animals.

British Waterways wants to rid the Wyrley & Essington Canal of floating pennywort.

The plant – which spreads like wildfire, deoxygenating water and posing a flood risk due to its density – is particularly prevalent between Wolverhampton city centre, Wednesfield, Bloxwich, Brownhills and Chasewater. Removing pennywort will boost other plant growth.

It will also help water voles, great crested newts, white clawed crayfish and

red eyed damselfishes. Removing it will boost growth of the native-growing floating water plantain – one of rarest water plants in Europe found in less than 20 places nationally. Volunteers are being sought to take part in a clean-up between now and September, and again throughout 2012.

Sessions will take place at various points along the canal, with volunteers working two to three days a month including weekends where necessary.

British Waterways' volunteer co-ordinator Steve Bicknell said the project provided a great opportunity to help control invasive non-native plants, learn about problems they cause and help spread the

message to others. "For anyone who wants to help their local waterway this is a fantastic opportunity to get hands-on right now and to also have a role in monitoring the canal in future years."

Volunteers will need to be physically fit to walk sections of canal.

British Waterways secured the £100,000 grant from the SITA Trust.

It is working on the project with Walsall Council, Wolverhampton City Council, the Environment Agency and Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust.

To volunteer call Sarah French on 01827 252097 or email to volunteer@britishwaterways.co.uk

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### Water features for parks

Water features will be installed at two Walsall parks over the coming months.

Contractors have been appointed to install the features at King George V Playing Fields, Bloxwich and at Willenhall Memorial Park as part of a £350,000 project.

SSP Water & Play has been awarded the contract for installation, while civil engineering work is being carried out by Brownhills-based RWH Construction Ltd.

Activator pads, jets and fountains will all be created while play equipment will go into Willenhall Memorial Park.

These will consist of a water play table, seesaw, roundabout and scramble and slide unit.

The Friends of Willenhall and Bloxwich Parks have both been involved. Councillor Kath Phillips, chairman of the Friends of Bloxwich Parks, said: "Local children and parents will really appreciate this."

### Band date

Willenhall Salvation Army Band will play at Willenhall Memorial Park on July 17.

## John's mini-masterpieces are to go on display



Anne Meanley with the models



John Meanley busy at work

Hand carts and barrows which were once a common sight in the region, and a delightful Covent Garden flower stall are among the delights of a model collection going on display.

The 31 fascinating items were created by the late John Meanley, a member of The Guild of Model Wheelwrights.

His widow Anne, of Walsall, said the intricately designed and handmade collection was her husband's pride and joy. Mrs Meanley, aged 86, said each piece tells its own story.

They are made mainly of wood, but also leather, modelling clay, brass and

other materials. The collection includes a replica of a removals truck from Darlaston-based firm Bob Smith.

There are also detailed models of pieces of furniture, including tables, chairs and even a wooden clothes horse.

The pieces are to be showcased at a fundraising event at Bentley Methodist Church, of which Mrs Meanley is a member, on June 20 at 7pm. Guest speaker will be John Husbands of The Guild of Model Wheelwrights. Tickets are bookable on 01922 400081.



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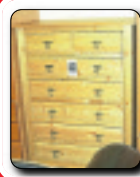
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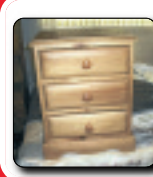
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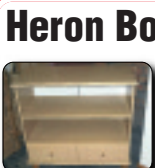
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# Council chops extra day on bank holidays

Walsall Council has axed Bank Holiday Tuesdays as chiefs battle to keep services open all year round.

The council is the last authority in the region to cut the extra day, with its finance chief declaring: "When everyone else is working the council will be working."

But staff do not need to worry too much about losing the extra time off, as the lost days will be added to their annual leave allocation.

Councillor Chris Towe said the recent extra day was the last Bank Holiday Tuesday to be enjoyed by thousands of staff and they would be back behind their desks after the long weekend in August.

The only council in the region now to honour the extra holiday is Staffordshire

walsallchronicle@expressandstar.co.uk County Council. Plans emerged last year in Walsall to scrap the Tuesday holiday, with council chiefs vowing to ensure staff were only off on statutory days.

## Decision

Union bosses tried to fight the move but the plans have now been rubber-stamped by the authority.

No decision has yet been made on the 10,000 workers' three-day Christmas break, which bosses are considering cutting to two – just Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Councillor Towe said: "The council is making plans to open as normal on the Tuesday following the Bank Holiday in August."

"When everyone else is working the council will be working. That is what the

people of Walsall expect." Other councils in the region have already scrapped the "bonus" bank holiday.

"It was abolished by Wolverhampton and Dudley councils in 2006, while Sandwell axed it in 2003.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird has criticised the amount of time some staff spend away from their desks – with the authority having one of the worst sickness records in the country.

## Fun of seaside trips to be recreated in show

A family show recreating the joys of the seaside will take place in Bloxwich. Turned out Nice Again will be staged at Bookmark Bloxwich, Elmore Row, on June 12. Tickets cost £8 and £6 concessions for the 2pm performance and are available from the venue by contacting 01922 655900.

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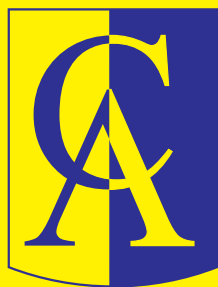
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## Alarm call out cuts

Fire crews in the West Midlands will no longer automatically answer fire alarms triggered at businesses in a bid to save almost £3 million.

West Midlands Fire and Rescue service said answering automatic alarms during daytime hours was a "drain on the taxpayer".

It now will no longer send engines to companies from 8am-8pm. The service said it attends more than 10,000 alarm calls every year generated by automatic fire alarms – and in 98 per cent of the cases there is no fire or emergency.

A statement said: "It is clear that this is a huge drain on the taxpayer and an emergency response by a fire appliance puts the public at risk when in reality, there is no requirement for

the fire service to be mobilised."

However, trade group the Fire Industry Association said companies have not been made properly aware of the changes.

Group commander Jim Sinnott, of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service, said it costs the fire service just over £286 every time it responds to a call out. In all false alarms cost just more than £2.8m per year.

The decision to cut the number of call-outs comes at a time the service has been told it must cut £7m from its £119m annual budget.

Group commander Sinnott said: "We have a lot of these calls and it drains our resources. We now ask the owner or occupier to make further investigations before we attend."

## Firefighters' new uniform



The new West Midlands firefighters' uniform which has been introduced

FIREFIGHTERS in the West Midlands have unveiled their new uniform which is now in use.

The smart new uniform replaces the old orange kit. Supplied by Bristol Uniforms as part of an eight-year deal, the brigade claims it saves £1.4 million compared to the previous contract.

It will be worn by firefighters from all West Midlands Fire Service's community fire stations.

The new kit, which is Paris blue and red, replaces the magma-coloured uniforms.

It also has a number of enhanced safety features, including a new helmet with built-in safety glasses, and the uniform itself is made from a lightweight and more breathable fabric.

The kit was tested at Oldbury fire station with volunteers from across the region to make sure it offered the best fit and personal protection.

The service invited four suppliers to submit kits to be tried out by the fire-

fighters. The simulated test conditions included rescuing casualties from a house fire, and car crashes.

Vij Randeniya, chief fire officer said: "Our firefighters are amongst the very best in the world and it is important that we do everything we can to enhance their personal safety."

"As well as offering excellent safety and comfort, this kit also demonstrates exceptional value for money which is crucial to us given the financial challenges we face."

### Components

He said the Bristol Uniforms kit was selected due to the additional components it offered which maximised comfort and protection. It has also been praised by West Midlands Fire Service's 77 female firefighters, who received a separate kit designed to give a perfect fit.

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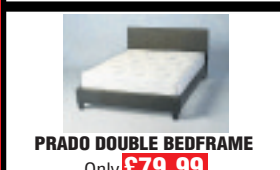
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# Give the killer beetle red card



Close up of red lilies beetle

LILIES in pots should be developing flower buds ready to burst into perfumed bloom at the next warm spell of weather.

Unfortunately lilies in most parts of England, Wales and the lowlands of Scotland are now prey to the dreaded scarlet lily beetle that eats leaves and buds disfiguring the plant and weakening its growth.

Before you see the adults with their distinctive red wing coverings you may notice the highly disguised grubs. These sap-sucking pests hide themselves away beneath a black covering of their own excrement so they look like a lump of dirt sitting on the lily leaves.

Luckily there are systemic insecticides available that will control both larvae and adults. Simply spray the plant foliage with BugClear Ultra Gun!

The insecticide gets inside the plant to kill the sap-sucking larvae and the leaf-eating adults. Another spray three weeks after the first will control any pests that emerge from eggs or pupae.

You will need to start regular watering of pots and other containers to encourage steady growth of patio plants. But your compost will soon run out of nutrients and supplementary feeding will become essential five or six weeks after planting.

The traditional way to keep fuchsias, pelargoniums, and other bedding plants growing and blooming well is by adding a soluble plant food into the water of a watering can. Miracle-Gro Plant Food is a proven

winner and so to is Tomorite if you already have that in your store. More modern plant foods like Osmocote are slow release and feed for several months from one application.

But for decorative plants that are vulnerable to attack by pests such as aphids, whitefly, scale insects and mealy bugs you can push sticks of BugClear Ultra for Pots into the compost. These contain a slow release plant food that feed for a couple of months and a systemic insecticide that gets in through the roots to protect your plant from attack for up to three months.

## Treat

Find a shady spot outside where houseplants can have a summer holiday. This is especially beneficial to plants that have been trimmed down to size and are producing new shoots. It means they are more likely to get watered and fed regularly and enjoy occasional showers to clear leaves and stems.

My Christmas cactus has been enjoying this summer treat for more than 40 years. It is brought inside in September and rewards us by producing a great flower display throughout November and December.

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# New mower may cut work time

Why not invest in a new mower to ensure your lawn gets cut evenly, sharply and without mashing the grass blades?

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## Raking

It may sound like an easy recycling idea, but after a while the cuttings create a thick mat layer, called thatch, which after it builds to over 2cm thick does positive harm to the growing grass.

So one way or another you will find you will have to physically remove the cuttings - with thatch it

means heavy raking or a mechanical scarifying at least once a year.

My new Worx cordless mower is perfect for my average sized lawns as its lightweight and easily manoeuvrable.

It is powered by an easily-recharged battery that seems to last for several mowings before it needs recharging and there is no power lead to drag around the lawn when in use.

It has a good sized hopper so I only need to empty it once for every cut and I like the easily adjustable cutting height.

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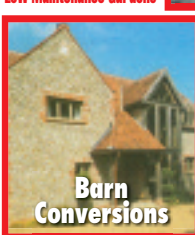


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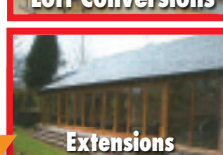


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DINERS across the borough are spoilt for choice when it comes to pubs and restaurants in an area featuring fine historic alehouses, chic clubs, stylish eateries, traditional fare and a huge range of outlets serving up delicious food from around the world.

Situated in the centre of Walsall, Arbor Lights (its name a tribute to the town's annual illuminating event in the arboretum), has developed a well-deserved reputation for fine dining in stylish, yet unpretentious, surroundings. And, with new owner Harjit Singh at the helm, the restaurant has continued to pick up accolades from The Gourmet Society and the Campaign for Real Ale.

Although the restaurant's ambience is relaxed and unfussy, great care and attention has gone into the preparation and presentation of the food.

Over in Willenhall, the Dale House Restaurant is something of a local institution, having stood on the same site since 1750, despite an ill-advised suggestion by town centre planners to demolish the period property in favour of a concrete cinema complex in the early 1960s.

Once the home to generations of the wealthy Hincks malting dynasty, the building retains a wealth of original features, including locks originally made in the town. Carveries with all the trimmings are the speciality here – served up by friendly staff in a cosy environment.

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Arbor Lights in Walsall town centre has established a reputation for fine food served in stylish surroundings

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# With its historic past and vibrant present borough has lots to offer

WITH more than 400 businesses operating from within its main town centre, this is a vibrant borough with a rich history and a keen eye on the future.

But what's surprising about Walsall is how diverse the range of services on offer to residents and visitors is in some of its smaller towns.

For example, Brownhills, in the north of the borough, is home to approximately 140 shops and services, from big high street names to a diverse range of independent businesses which have recently won an array of awards from website [www.thebestof.co.uk](http://www.thebestof.co.uk)

These include The Backyard Brewhouse, which, as well as being hugely popular with real ale connoisseurs, has won Society of Independent Brewers Gold Awards for its bitter, The Hoard, and East India Pale Ale.

Austen Morgan from The Backyard Brewhouse, says: "This is very, very good news as our awards are judged by industry peers, people with thousands of years of experience who've picked our beers out as the best. "And it's helping to raise awareness of the fact that there's a very good brewery in Brownhills. Not that we're becoming an overnight sensation, of course, there are still people who, when told there's a Brownhills brewery, tell you not to be silly!"

Fellow award-winner Darren Symes, of Darren Symes Butchers, adds: "We're obviously very, very pleased to have won a national award like this, it puts Brownhills on the map."

"People are turning back to their local shops as they're falling out of love with supermarkets for a number of reasons."

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Austen Morgan, from The Backyard Brewery in Brownhills, with some of his award-winning ales

Other Brownhills-based businesses picking up accolades based on the views of local people include ladies' fashion store, Glamorous, Suzanne Lewis who sells babywear and accessories, Independent Mortgage Hypermarket and Brownhills Skip Hire, a family-run firm founded more than 30 years ago.

Residents too speak highly of the town, with readers of local blogger Brownhills Bob's website, <http://brownhillsbob.com/>, responding favourably to a recent request to send in their comments.

A user known as Miss Williams says: "We have several award-winning businesses, while Downes Newsagents has been trading for almost half a century. "The Crown pub offers high quality food and drink and is regularly packed out, while Brownhills also has its fair share of notable people, including Erin O'Connor, Alan Wiley, Luke Roper, Pat Davies MBE, Doug Birch MBE plus many more."

## Festival

Brownhills also has its famous annual canal festival, which this year is on Sunday, June 26. Back in Walsall town centre itself, the market, which has been at the heart of the town since 1219, offers customers 100 different stalls of value to choose from. According to the market office: "Many of our traders are from families who have been on the market for generations, so there is a great traditional atmosphere."

The town is probably best known for its leather industry, spanning more than 200 years. Today, Walsall is still home to more than 60 leather companies which export a wide range of products worldwide.

And, with five shopping centres, including an impressive Victorian arcade, the award-winning New Art Gallery, a huge variety of pubs, cafes and restaurants and a fascinating leather museum, many residents and visitors find that all their needs are catered for. Over in Aldridge, often referred to as the village

in the Walsall borough, there is a good range of outlets ranging from well-known high street names to smaller independent stores. A wide range of food outlets and pubs ensures visitors and residents are ably fed and watered.

However, a lesser-known fact about Aldridge may be its place in television history. Back in 1972, Barr Beacon was the location for ATV's first outside broadcast during the making of drama series, *Escape Into Night*. Willenhall, in the south west of the borough, is famous for its lock industry and still retains many historic features, including the Victorian locksmith's house and the clocktower, dedicated to surgeon Joseph Tonks, in the town's marketplace.

A quirky fact about Willenhall is how it got its unofficial name of 'Humphshire'. In Elizabethan times, lockmaking was a cottage industry, meaning that tradesmen would work from home, spending many long hours bent over working. According to local history, being in this position tended to produce lock-smiths, or 'lock-busters' as they were referred to locally, with humps on their backs, hence the affectionate nickname. In recognition of this, several of the town's pubs, such as The Bell Inn, which once stood in Market Street, even had holes made in the walls behind wooden benches, so that hump-backed drinkers could enjoy a pint in comfort. As late as 1959, there were still men with humped backs living in the town.

Surrounded by canals and famed for its light metalwork industry, Bloxwich is a forward-looking town that's also steeped in history. And, although part of Walsall metropolitan borough, townsfolk here are keen – as residents of many other nearby towns are – to preserve their independence and identity.

## Rivalry

In fact, a rivalry between Bloxwich and Walsall town itself has persisted for centuries and, although now said in a tongue-in-cheek manner, most residents firmly believe that Bloxwich quite definitely isn't part of Walsall, referring to their larger neighbour as 'The Foreign'.

Bloxwich is home to a fine range of thriving local businesses, all taking pride in delivering an excellent level of customer service that shoppers don't always get in out-of-town centres.

Plus, for anyone who fancies a break from the hustle and bustle of the shops, Bloxwich is blessed with an excellent range of tranquil spaces, such as Promenade Gardens – home to the town's historic fountain and a clock in memory of Pat 'King of Showmen' Collins. The King George V playing fields are also hugely popular with locals and visitors. Bloxwich offers excellent choice, from high street names to a broad variety of independent shops and businesses.

And lastly, while Darlaston may be dominated by a certain well-known supermarket, there is much more to this historic town than buy-one-get-one-free offers. The town is served by a wide range of independent shops and businesses. I also has Owen Memorial, Victoria Park and the sensory garden and children's play area.

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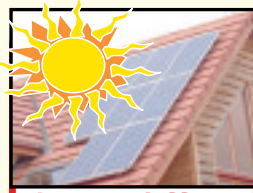
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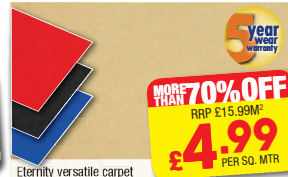
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### THE ROYAL

ITV1, 7pm  
 This week sees the arrival of timid new student nurse Faye Clarke (Lauren Drummond). It's her first time away from home, and she's thrown in at the deep end when a beautiful young model collapses and dies after consuming magic mushrooms. Faye may feel she's in over her head, but at least Matron (Wendy Craig) can see she has potential. Meanwhile, Lizzie (Michelle Hardwick) is charmed by motorcycle stunt rider Jimmy (James Daffern), who injures his wrist in a bike fall. He thinks he has a hereditary medical condition – polycystic kidneys – so wants to live fast, die young. However, tests reveal an altogether different diagnosis.

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Live Pentecost from Halifax. **11.00** Country Tracks: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.00** Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Live. The seventh round of the season (Start-time 6.00pm).

**8.15** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce introduces more items from the show's visits to Hutton-in-the-Forest, Chatsworth and the British Museum, including a painting that was given away in a competition.

**9.00** **Case Histories.** Part one of two. Jackson searches for the killer of a drowned girl whose body he found while out running, and tries to help a novelist who became involved in a road-rage incident.

**10.00** **BBC News: Regional News: Weather.**

**10.25** **Regional Programme.** **11.10** **Andrew Marr's Megacities.** The broadcaster explores safety and security in metropolises, learning how people protect themselves from crime in Mexico City and joining a Metropolitan Police riot unit in London; (R) Weatherview.

**12.15** **Sign Zone: The Apprentice.** The teams form junk-collection businesses. (R) **1.15** **Holby City.** (R) **2.15** **A History of Ancient Britain.** Britain and Ireland's Stone Age monuments. (R) **3.15** **BBC News.**

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Flog It! **12.30** Live MotoGP: The British Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** Tennis from Queen's. **5.10** The Story of Ireland.

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**6.10** **Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections.** The design secrets of Japan's high-speed bullet train. Last in the series.

**7.00** **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson investigates the merits of three-wheeled cars, and James May drives a Toyota Hilux up active Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajökull. (R)

**8.00** **James May's Toy Stories: The Great Train Race.** A second attempt to build a 10-mile-long model railway in Devon.

**9.00** **Coast.** The Devon and Cornwall coastlines.

**10.00** **Mock the Week.** Quiz show, with Milton Jones, Seann Walsh, Chris Addison and Greg Davies. (R)

**10.30** **The Shadow Line.** Gabriel's investigations reveal dark truths that implicate his colleagues. (R)

**11.30** **FILM: Catch a Fire.** (2006) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Derek Luke.

**1.05** **BBC News.** **3.15** **The Super League Show.** **4.00** **Close.**

**6.00** **CITV: Mini CITV.** **7.25** **CITV.** **8.25** **May the Best House Win.** (R) **9.25** **Dickinson's Real Deal.** **10.25** **60 Minute Makeover.** **11.30** **This Morning.** **Sunday.** **12.30** **Dinner Date.** **1.25** **ITV News: Weather.** **1.35** **Survival: Tales from the Wild.** **2.30** **Inspector Morse.** **4.30** **Midsomer Murders.** (R)

**6.30** **Regional Programmes.** **6.45** **ITV News: Weather.** **7.00** **The Royal.** Timid new student nurse Faye Clark is faced with a trying first day when a model collapses after taking magic mushrooms.

**8.00** **Popstar to Operastar.** Four more pop singers learn to perform classical songs, competing to win viewers' votes and the approval of their mentors. Mylene Klass hosts the crossover talent contest.

**9.00** **Scott & Bailey.** A man acquitted of rape and murder is found dead. **10.00** **Popstar to Operastar: The Results.** The two least popular contestants perform again.

**10.30** **ITV News: Weather.** **11.45** **FILM: Vanity Fair.** (2004)

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**Drama.** starring Reese Witherspoon.

**1.20** **The Zone.** **ITV News** **Headlines.** **2.00** **Motorsport UK.** **2.50** **ITV News: Screen.** **5.30** **ITV Morning News.**

**6.00** **The Treacle People.** (R) **6.10** **The Hoobs.** (R) **6.35** **The Hoobs.** (R) **7.00** **That Paralympic Show.** (R) **7.25** **Rat Race.** **8.00** **Style the Nation.** **8.20** **T4: Friends.** (R) **8.45** **Hollyoaks.** **11.20** **Friends.** (R) **11.50** **Glee.** **12.50** **T4: The Simpsons.** (R) **1.20** **T4: The Simpsons.** (R) **1.55** **Four in a Bed.** (R) **2.25** **Four in a Bed.** (R) **3.25** **Four in a Bed.** (R) **4.00** **Four in a Bed.** (R) **4.30** **Help! My House Is Falling Down.** (R) **5.35** **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.

**6.30** **Channel 4 News.** **6.55** **4thought.tv.** Dr Steve Lloyd reveals how he finds comfort in the biblical account of creation.

**7.00** **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.** A family from Preston goes house-hunting in Lancashire and Spain.

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**8.00** **FILM: Definitely, Maybe.** (2008) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Ryan Reynolds and Elizabeth Banks.

**10.10** **FILM: Monster-in-Law.** (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda.

**12.05** **The World's Oldest Mums.** (R) **1.05** **Teen Horse Whisperers.** (R) **1.35** **Swimming.** (R) **1.50** **Cleopatra.** (R) **3.15** **The Lost Legions of Varus.** (R) **4.15** **Men of Iron.** Victorian engineers. (R) **5.10** **Countdown.** With Shobna Gulati. (R) **5.55** **Sali Mali.** (R)

**6.00** **Milkshake!** **Peppa Pig.** **6.05** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15** **Fifi and the Flowertots.** (R) **6.25** **Fireman Sam.** (R) **6.40** **Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends.** (R) **6.50** **Elmo's World.** (R) **7.05** **Chiro.** (R) **7.15** **Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.** (R) **7.30** **Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.40** **Mio Mao.** (R) **7.45** **Hana's Helpline.** (R) **8.00** **Little Princess.** (R) **8.10** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **8.15** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.30** **Mist: Sheepdog Tales.** (R) **8.45** **Rupert Bear.** (R) **9.00** **Olivia.** (R) **9.15** **The Mr Men Show.** (R) **9.30** **Gerald McBoing Boing.** (R) **10.00** **Animal Rescue Squad.** (R) **10.15** **McFly on the Wall.** **10.45** **The Restaurant Inspector.** (R) **11.45** **The Hotel Inspector.** (R) **12.45** **Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers.** (R) **1.45** **Film: Brave Warrior.** (1952) Western adventure, starring Jay Silverheels. **3.15** **Film: The Duel at Silver Creek.** (1952) Western, starring Audie Murphy. **4.45** **Film: Stuart Little 2.** (2002) Family adventure sequel, starring Geena Davis.

**6.15** **5 News Weekend.** **6.20** **FILM: The Mask of Zorro.** (1998) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Anthony Hopkins and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

**9.00** **FILM: Collateral Damage.** (2002) Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

**11.15** **FILM: Reservoir Dogs.** (1992) Thriller, starring Harvey Keitel.

**1.15** **SuperCasino.** **4.00** **Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck.** (R) **4.10** **Great Artists.** (R) **4.35** **Nick's Quest.** (R) **5.00** **Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.10** **The Milkshake! Show.** (R) **5.35** **Thomas & Friends.** (R) **5.45** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

**ITV2**  
**6.00** **You've Been Framed and Famous!** **7.05** **Film: The Scorpion King** (2002) **9.00** **Peter Andre: The Next Chapter** **10.00** **Film: Deep Blue Sea** (1999)

**ITV3**  
**2.50** **Jane Eyre** **5.00** **Film: Clockwise** (1986) **6.55** **Mr Bean** **8.00** **Film: Dave** (1993) **10.15** **Inspector Wexford**

**ITV4**  
**2.15** **Film: Follow a Star** (1959) **4.25** **Film: The Sting** (1973) **7.00** **TT 2011** **9.00** **Film: Barb Wire** (1996) **Sci-fi thriller, starring Pamela Anderson.** **11.00** **Film: A Dangerous Man** (2010)

**BBC THREE**  
**7.00** **The World's Strictest Parents.** Two teenagers are sent to live in Mombasa, Kenya. **8.00** **Tourism & the Truth: Stacey Dooley Investigates Kenya.** The impact of the Kenyan tourist industry on its population. **9.00** **Gavin & Stacey.** Nessa and Dave's wedding day arrives. **9.30** **Gavin & Stacey: The Outtakes.** Bloopers from all three series of the comedy. **10.00** **Family Guy** **10.45** **American Dad!** **11.30** **Our War**

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** **Hidocle: A Garden for All Seasons** **8.00** **Jane Goodall: Beauty and the Beasts** **9.00** **A History of Horror with Mark Gatiss** **10.00** **Film: Witchfinder General** (1968) **11.25** **The Santana Story: Angels and Demons**

**E4**  
**3.00** **Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance** **4.00** **Film: Memoirs of an Invisible Man** (1992) **6.00** **Friends** **7.00** **Smallville** **8.00** **Friends** **9.00** **Desperate Housewives** **11.00** **Being Erica** **11.55** **The Big Bang Theory**

**FILM4**  
**3.30** **The War of the Worlds** (1953) **Sci-fi drama, starring Gene Barry.** **5.10** **Carry On Spying** (1964) **6.55** **Edward Scissorhands** (1990) **8.00** **Double Jeopardy** (1999) **11.05** **The Libertine** (2004)



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## Monday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. (R) 6.00 BBC News. 6.30 Regional News Programmes. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Saints and Scoundrels; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Can You Trust Your Bank? – Panorama. 9.00 Case Histories. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 In with the Flynns. (R) 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Wonders of the Universe. (R) 1.25 Inside the Human Body. (R) 2.25 Saints and Scoundrels. (R) 2.55 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.25 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah; Coast. 1.00 Film: Only Angels Have Wings. (1939) 3.00 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. (R) 5.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 7.00 James May's Toy Stories: The Great Train Race. (R) 8.00 Springwatch 2011. 9.00 Terry Pratchett: Choosing to Die. 10.00 Choosing to Die: Newsnight. Debate. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) 12.10 BBC News. 3.25 Close.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Daily. 8.30 Coronation Street. 8.30 The Walton Sextuplets: Moving On. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Lethal Weapon. (1987) 12.35 60 Minute News Headlines. 8.40 Nightwatch with Steve Scott. (R) 3.35 ITV Nightscreen. 4.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Accidentally on Purpose. 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Superscrimmers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 Film: The Kentuckian. (1955) 2.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Thought.Tv. 8.00 The Thief Catchers: Dispatches. (R) 9.00 Embarrassing Bodies. 10.00 Film: Premonition. (2007) 11.50 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: The View. (R) 12.25 Music on 4: 4Play: Ed Sheeran. 12.40 Poker. 1.35 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 2.30 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 3.25 This Is Me. (R) 3.30 Film: A Midsummer Night's Dream. (1999) 5.25 Grudge Match. (R) 5.35 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 12.15 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.15 Film: Kickednap: The Elizabeth Smart Story. (2003) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7.30 How Do They Do It? (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9.00 The Restaurant Inspector. 10.00 Film: Cleaner. (2007) Crime thriller, starring Samuel L. Jackson. 11.50 The Cannibal that Walked Free. (R) 12.10 SuperCasino. 4.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 4.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 5.00 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

## Tuesday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Royal Ascot. The opening day of the five-day festival. 3.20 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.25 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 1.50 Sign Zone: The Animal's Guide to Britain. (R) 10.35 The Lock Up. (R) 11.05 The Scheme. 11.55 Film: The Getaway. (1994) Thriller remake, with Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger. Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: The Animal's Guide to Britain. (R) 2.50 The Country House Revealed. (R) 3.50 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.20 BBC News.

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## Wednesday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Royal Ascot. 3.20 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.25 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Waterloo Road. BBC News; Regional News. 8.30 In with the Flynns. 9.00 The Apprentice. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Not Going Out. (R) 11.15 Film: Final Analysis. (1992); National Lottery Update; Weatherview. 1.15 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.45 Country Tracks. (R) 2.45 The British at Work. (R) 3.45 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Coast. 1.40 Film: Bringing Up Baby. (1939) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further coverage of day two. 5.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 7.00 Escape to the Country. 7.30 Springwatch 2011. 8.30 Springwatch Unsprung 2011. 9.00 Wonderland – The Kennedys. 11.20 The Royal Apprentice: You're Fired! 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Portillo on Salmon. 12.20 BBC News. 3.45 Close.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Poms in Paradise. 8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Fisherman's Friend. 11.35 Baby Hospital. (R) 12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: The Hindenburg. (1975) Fact-based disaster movie, starring George C. Scott. 4.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 Sali Mail. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Accidentally on Purpose. 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Superscrimmers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 Accidentally on Purpose. 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. 12.45 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.55 Film: Pimpernel Smith. (1941) Second World War adventure, starring Leslie Howard. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Thought.Tv. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 Desperate Housewives. 11.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.35 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. 12.45 Music on 4: Friends: Video Exclusive. 12.50 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. 1.05 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.20 Film: S1m0ne. (2002) Satirical comedy, starring Al Pacino. 3.20 New Love. (R) 3.45 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.35 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.00 Countdown. (R) 5.45 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 12.15 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.15 Film: McBride: Anybody Here Murder Marty? (2005) Murder mystery, starring John Larroquette. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7.30 Prawn Stars; 5 News Update. 8.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 5 News at 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 10.00 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) 11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R)

## Thursday

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah; Coast. 1.00 Film: Holiday. (1938) Romantic comedy, with Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn. 2.35 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further coverage of day three, including the Gold Cup. 5.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 7.00 The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2011 – A Culture Show Special. 8.00 Springwatch 2011. 9.00 The Shadow Line. 10.00 Mock the Week. 10.35 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2011 – A Culture Show Special. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.55 Close.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Daily. 8.30 Coronation Street. 8.30 The Walton Sextuplets: Moving On. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Maverick. (1994) Comedy Western remake, starring Mel Gibson. 12.50 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.55 Film: Igby Goes Down. (2003) 4.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. (R) 1.05 Dreams of a Dinner Lady. (R) 1.10 Film: The Fighting Seabees. (1944) Second World War drama, starring John Wayne. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Thought.Tv. 8.00 Help! My House is Falling Down. 9.00 Born to Be Different. 10.00 The Sex Researchers. 11.05 The Secret Millionaire. (R) 12.10 The Film Show. 12.40 Style the Nation. (R) 1.05 Music on 4: The Crush. 2.00 The Model Agency. (R) 2.55 Strange Little Girls. (R) 3.15 Unreported World. (R) 3.45 The Thief Catchers: Dispatches. (R) 4.35 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) 12.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 12.15 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.15 Film: More Than Meets the Eye: The Joan Brock Story. (2003) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 6.55 5 News at 7.30 Cricket. 8.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 5 News at 9.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. 10.00 Film: The Corruptor. (1999) 12.10 SCXTRA. 12.40 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Cities. (R)

## Friday

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah; Coast. 1.00 Film: My Girl Friday. (1940) Comedy, starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. 2.35 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. 5.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 7.00 8.00 Gardeners' World. 9.00 The Kennedys. 9.45 The Kennedys. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show; Weather. 11.50 Film: The King of Comedy. (1983) Comedy starring Robert De Niro. 1.35 Film: Glastonbury. (2006) Documentary about the music festival. 3.45 Close.

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- ★ Gardens and off road parking

**£96,995 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL KEASDEN GROVE

- ★ Much improved modern style detached property
- ★ Refitted family accommodation which must be viewed internally
- ★ Three bedrooms

- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Gas central heating system
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- ★ Rear garage and parking

**£149,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL TEMPLE ROAD

- ★ Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas CH + UPVC DG windows
- ★ Excellent fitted kitchen being well

**£89,995**



### WILLENHALL EVENLODE GROVE, RIVERPOINT

- ★ Extended two bedroom traditional style semi
- ★ Cul-de-sac position
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ En suite shower room

**£154,950 OFFERS**



### SHORT HEATH BLOXWICH ROAD NORTH

- ★ Spacious traditional style semi detached property
- ★ Popular Short Heath location
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory

- ★ Upstairs bathroom with separate shower cablo
- ★ 20ft front lounge/dining room
- ★ Bathroom with shower
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Pleasant rear garden

**£159,950 OFFERS**



### COPPICE FARM BUTTERMERE GROVE

- ★ Immaculately presented modern style town house
- ★ Open aspect to front of property
- ★ New kitchen
- ★ UPVC double glazed conservatory

**£145,000 FIXED PRICE**



### ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- ★ Traditional style bay fronted detached property
- ★ Popular and much requested location
- ★ In need of modernisation

- ★ Excellent potential for improvement
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Part UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Solid fuel central heating system

**£149,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL LONGWOOD RISE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- ★ Popular location off Strood Avenue
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Offers in excess of £139,950, NO CHAIN

**£139,950, NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL YORK AVENUE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi
- ★ Popular County Bridge location
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating

**£133,500 OFFERS**



### NEW INVENTION SANDLAND ROAD

- ★ Spacious four bedroom semi-detached property
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Part UPVC double glazed windows

- ★ Kitchen and store room/utility
- ★ Bathroom with white suite and shower
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ A family home offering excellent potential
- ★ No chain

**£117,995 - NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL TILDESLEY DRIVE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed improved end town house in popular development
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Viewing essential

**£124,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### NEW INVENTION SANDRINGHAM AVENUE

- ★ Spacious extended semi detached property in popular New Invention location
- ★ Four bedrooms (potential to convert to five)
- ★ Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ In need of modernisation

- ★ Spacious 27ft through lounge/dining room
- ★ Refitted kitchen with a range of appliances
- ★ Utility room and downstairs WC
- ★ Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- ★ Gas central heating

**£157,500 Viewing Recommended**

## FIRST TIME BUYERS AND INVESTMENTS



### WILLENHALL VICTORIA STREET

- ★ Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- ★ Ideal first time purchase or investment property
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating system (to be installed)

**£69,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL WESTFIELD ROAD

- ★ Traditional style semi detached property in pleasant location
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating system
- ★ Spacious 20ft through lounge/dining

**Was £104,950 Now £99,995 NO CHAIN**



### BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE

- ★ Traditional style semi-detached property
- ★ Thought ideal for first time purchasers
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC single glazed windows
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
- ★ Spacious 21ft through lounge
- ★ Internal viewing recommended

**£94,500 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL ERNEST CLARK CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- ★ Pleasant town house style property
- ★ Ideal for first time buyers or a young family
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ No related chain

**£89,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL PINSON ROAD

- ★ Spacious, extended traditional style semi
- ★ Consistently improved family accommodation
- ★ Four bedrooms
- ★ Three reception rooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Refitted kitchen inc. oven, hob, refrigerator
- ★ Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- ★ Gas central heating

**£119,950 NO CHAIN**



### SHORT HEATH WOODSIDE WAY

- ★ Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- ★ Ideal first time purchase or investment property
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- ★ Refitted kitchen inc. oven, hob and
- ★ Viewing essential

**WAS £124,995 NOW £119,950**



### BENTLEY, WALSALL HAWTHORN PLACE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed double fronted semi detached property
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ 10ft through lounge
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows

**£99,995 IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE**



### WILLENHALL CHATSWORTH CLOSE

- ★ End town house style property
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Majority UPVC double glazing
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ 19ft through lounge
- ★ Cul-de-sac position
- ★ Ideal first time buy

**£94,950**



### COPPICE FARM, WILLENHALL GOREY CLOSE

- ★ Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Upstairs bathroom with shower
- ★ Driveway providing off road parking
- ★ Ideal first time purchase
- ★ No related chain

**£119,995**



### WILLENHALL BURE GROVE, RIVERPOINT

- ★ Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- ★ Cul-de-sac location
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ UPVC double glazed windows
- ★ Refitted kitchen inc. oven, hob, refrigerator
- ★ Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- ★ Gas central heating

**£65,500 FOR 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP**





**WALSALL REDBROOK ROAD**

- \* Pleasant modern style semi in cul-de-sac location
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Ideal first time purchase
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Off road parking

**£99,950 VIEWING RECOMMENDED**



**NEW INVENTION HIGHGROVE CLOSE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style link detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows

**£149,950 VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



- \* 1st fitted dining kitchen with appliances
- \* Luxury refitted bathroom with shower
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* ATTRACTIVELY PRICED FOR EARLY SALE



**SHORT HEATH WOODSIDE WAY, THE WOODLANDS**

- \* Pleasant semi detached property being delightfully situated
- \* Was three bedrooms, currently two and a dressing room (could easily be converted back)
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Conservatory
- \* 23ft through lounge/dining room
- \* Detached garage
- \* Block paved driveway and patio

**£139,950 OFFERS**




**WILLENHALL CLARKS LANE**

- \* Surprisingly spacious much improved semi detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Super uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Well equipped fitted kitchen
- \* Utility room and downstairs wc
- \* DETACHED GARAGE AND REAR PATIO

**£144,950 OFFERS**



**ESSINGTON SHERRINGHAM DRIVE**

- \* Superbly appointed traditional style bay fronted semi
- \* Popular and much requested location
- \* Considerably improved accommodation
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- \* Gas central heating, uPVC double glazing
- \* Block paved driveway

**£159,950 NO CHAIN, VIEWING ESSENTIAL**




**ESSINGTON SHERRINGHAM DRIVE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed link detached property
- \* Popular and much requested location
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Fully tiled refitted shower room
- \* Tandem garage with electric roller door
- \* Lovely established south facing rear garden

**£184,950 VIEWING ESSENTIAL**




**NEW INVENTION SANDRINGHAM AVENUE**

- \* Spacious extended semi detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Lounge and dining area
- \* Extended fitted kitchen with fridge
- \* Refitted bathroom with shower
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Double glazed windows

**£139,500 OFFERS**



**SNEYD PARK, WILLENHALL CRANLEIGH CLOSE**

- \* Superb spacious extended semi in popular development
- \* Two storey side extension
- \* Additional ground floor kitchen extension
- \* Three generous bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* Sizeable Garage, block paved drive
- \* Lovely established rear garden

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £159,950**




**WILLENHALL NOOSE LANE**

- \* Three bedroom and two house style property
- \* Gas warm air central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Rear garage
- \* Lounge and dining kitchen
- \* Downstairs wc
- \* Internal viewing recommended
- \* Ideal first time buy or buy to let

**£74,950 NO CHAIN**



**ESSINGTON HIGH HILL**

- \* Pleasantly appointed semi detached property in sought after village location
- \* Three good sized bedrooms
- \* uPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- \* Ideal family home
- \* u-shaped lounge diner
- \* Immaculate rear garden with decking
- \* Garage & off road parking
- \* Ideal family home

**£164,995 OFFERS IN THE REGION**



**WILLENHALL WILLIAMS CLOSE**

- \* Pleasant semi detached property
- \* Popular cul-de-sac location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* u-shaped lounge/dining room
- \* uPVC kitchen inc oven, hob & refrigerator
- \* Downstairs guest cloakroom
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Garage and off road parking

**£130,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



**WILLENHALL SENNEN CLOSE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Super uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Well equipped fitted dining kitchen
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Generous plot with potential to extend (subject to planning)

**£169,500 OFFERS**



**NEW INVENTION BRERETON ROAD**

- \* Traditional style and town house in popular location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Separate dining room
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven, hob, microwave and washing machine
- \* Ideal first time purchase

**£89,500**



**WILLENHALL, COPPICE FARM ESTATE BOWNESS GROVE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style detached family residence
- \* Large after location
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed kitchen, inc oven and hob
- \* Downstairs guest cloakroom
- \* Double glazed windows and gas central heating throughout

**£224,950 Viewing Essential**



**WILLENHALL HAWKSWELL DRIVE**

- \* Pleasant extended modern style semi
- \* Extended to the side at ground floor level
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed kitchen
- \* Lounge and dining/dining room
- \* uPVC double glazing

**£104,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



**WEDNESFIELD LONGMORE CLOSE, OFF BROAD LANE SOUTH**

- \* Superiorly appointed modern style detached residence
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* u-shaped lounge/dining room
- \* uPVC kitchen inc oven, hob & refrigerator
- \* Downstairs guest cloakroom
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory

**£189,995 Viewing Essential**



**WILLENHALL FARMHOUSE ROAD, CORNER BENTLEY LANE**

- \* Spacious modern style detached residence
- \* Pleasantly appointed accommodation
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Super uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Well equipped fitted dining kitchen
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Gas central heating, double glazed window

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £169,995 NO CHAIN**



**ESSINGTON WILLOW GROVE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style detached family residence
- \* Popular Georgian village location
- \* Four excellent bedrooms, three with en-suite
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed kitchen
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory

**£249,995 Viewing Essential**



**NEW INVENTION GLAMIS ROAD**

- \* Pleasantly appointed extended link detached property
- \* Popular location Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Ground floor dining room and kitchen extension
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed kitchen
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory

**Offers in excess of £169,950**



**WILLENHALL EWHURST CLOSE**

- \* Pleasant extended four bedroom detached family residence
- \* Popular Hadley Heath location
- \* Corner plot position
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed kitchen
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory

**£169,950 OFFERS**

## FLATS AND BUNGALOWS



**WILLENHALL NEWLANDS CLOSE**

- \* Pleasant first floor maisonette windows
- \* Popular and convenient location
- \* Cul-de-sac position
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* uPVC DG
- \* 13ft rear lounge
- \* uPVC kitchen inc oven, hob & refrigerator
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory

**£69,950 NO CHAIN**



**NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL LICHFIELD ROAD**

- \* Delightful extended detached
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing
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- \* uPVC double glazing

**£189,950**



**WILLENHALL UPLANDS ROAD**

- \* Pleasantly appointed traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Cul-de-sac position
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazing
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**£145,000 OFFERS**



**WILLENHALL UPLANDS AVENUE**

- \* Spacious extended traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Corner plot position
- \* Two bedrooms and left room
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* Gas central heating
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing

**£140,000 OFFERS - NO CHAIN**



**ESSINGTON BROAD LANE**

- \* Spacious traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Popular and much requested location
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing

**£230,000 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



**WILLENHALL SANDBYS ROAD**

- \* Beautifully presented traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Spacious extended character accommodation two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory

**£179,950 OFFERS FINAL REDUCTION FOR QUICK SALE - NO CHAIN**



**WILLENHALL GIPSY LANE**

- \* Two bedroom ranch house style apartment
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
- \* Electric garage heating
- \* Fitted bathroom with white suite
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing

**£89,950 NO CHAIN**



**COPPICE FARM TORRIDON ROAD**

- \* Splendidly appointed turned style bungalow
- \* uPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* uPVC double glazed windows
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**£155,000 OFFERS**



**WILLENHALL TAYNERS CLOSE**

- \* Pleasantly appointed first floor flat
- \* One bedroom
- \* uPVC double glazing
- \* uPVC double glazing
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**£74,995 OFFERS IN THE REGION**



**COPPICE FARM COTSWOLD GROVE**

- \* Pleasant first floor maisonette being delightfully situated
- \* Purpose built development
- \* uPVC double glazing
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**£60,000 FOR 75% SHARED OWNERSHIP NO CHAIN**

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### Bealeys Lane

Bloxwich

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Open Plan Concept
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Gated Driveway
- Viewing Essential
- No Upward Chain

**Offers in the Region of £285,000**



### Bealeys Close

Bloxwich

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
- Jack & Jill En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Essential

**In the Region of £284,950**



### Fishley Close

Bloxwich

- Five Bedroom
- Detached
- Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- Utility
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway

**Offers in the Region of £229,950**



### Stoney Lane

Bloxwich

- Four Bed Detached
- Two Reception rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Utility
- Downstairs Shower Room
- En-suite Bedroom
- Large Driveway
- Garage
- Landscaped Rear Garden

**Offers in excess of £210,000**



### Albany Grove

Essington

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Carport & Garage
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

**Offers in excess of £205,000**



### Sandbank

Bloxwich

- Four Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Period Features
- Off Road Parking

**In the Region of £199,950**



### Lambourn Close

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Bungalow
- Refurbished Throughout
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden
- Corner Plot

**£199,950**



### Victoria Avenue

Bloxwich

- Newly built Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Fitted Kitchen including appliances
- Block Paved Driveway
- Integral Garage
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Large Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway
- Integral Garage

**In the Region of £179,950**



### Revival Street

Bloxwich

- Two, Three & Four Bedroom Houses
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Driveway

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### Mill Lane

Willenhall

- Three Bedroom
- Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Separate building housing Utility
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

**In the Region of £156,950**



### Broad Lane

Bloxwich

- Four Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway to Front

**In the Region of £149,950**



### Windrush Close

Pelsall

- Three Storey Three Bed Town House
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Separate Garage
- Allocated parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden

**In the Region of £147,950**



### Pool Hayes Lane

Willenhall

- Three Bedroom
- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Driveway

**In the Region of £145,000**



### Parkview Crescent

Walsall

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens
- Detached Garage
- Block Paved Driveway

**In the Region of £134,950**



### Field Road

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Mid Terrace
- New Build 10 year warranty
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Rear Garden

**In the Region of £124,950 + 5% Gifted Deposit**



### Mulberry Road

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Viewing Essential

**In the Region of £114,950**



### Field Road

Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom
- House
- New Build 10 year warranty
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
- Downstairs W.C.
- Rear Garden
- Parking to Front

**In the Region of £104,950 + 5% Gifted Deposit**



### Dartmouth Close

Walsall

- Three Bedroom
- Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Separate W.C.
- Detached Garage to Rear
- Gardens
- NO CHAIN

**In the Region of £97,500**



### Hawthorne Road

Willenhall

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Ground Floor Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

**In the Region of £97,500**



### Tennyson Road

Willenhall

- Three Bedroom
- End Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating

**Offers in excess of £95,000**



### Hollands Road

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Utility Room
- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Loft Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

**Offers in excess of £90,000**



### Mossley Close

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens

**Offers in excess of £90,000**



### Blakenhall Lane

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- NO CHAIN

**In the Region of £89,950**



### Mulberry Place

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Terrace Property
- Front Reception Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Ideal First Time Buy/Family Home
- NO CHAIN

**In the Region of £84,950**



### Shrewsbury Close

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Separate W.C.
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac location
- Enclosed Rear Garden

**Offers in excess of £80,000**



### Stanier Close

Rushall

- One Bedroom
- Terrace
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Integrated Appliances
- Double Glazing
- Economy Seven Heating
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking

**Offers in excess of £80,000**



### Littleton Road

New Invention

- Two Bedrooms
- Mid-Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

**In the Region of £79,950**



### Faraday Road

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

**£79,950**



### Lichfield Road

Rushall

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Economy Seven Heating
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Communal Gardens

**In the Region of £75,000**



### Irvine Road

Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage to Rear
- NO CHAIN

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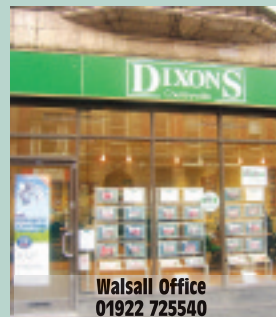


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**LOT 1****GUIDE PRICE: £75,000-£85,000****5 Roebuck Road,  
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This modern mid town house residence has undergone modernisation and improvement and has gas fired central heating and double glazing. Ideally situated to the first time buyer or investor. The accommodation comprises:- Lounge, Kitchen Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**17 Leighswood Road,  
Aldridge****LOT 5****GUIDE PRICE £120,000-£130,000**

In need of modernisation, this unusual detached house situated in a particularly central location offers most appealing and characterful accommodation which offers potential. The accommodation includes: Hall, through Lounge, Breakfast/Kitchen, two Bedrooms, Bathroom, separate WC, attractive rear garden and wide frontage with parking.

**2 Wigginsmill Road,  
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Your essential guide to the world of motoring compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

## Twist on city classic will delight country drivers

By Pete Carroll

IT MAY NOT be the most immediately attractive addition to the Mini range but the chunky new Countryman retains the brand's capacity to create a stir.

The fourth member of the BMW-owned Mini family certainly drew more comment than the £90,000 Merc I had been driving the previous week.

If I was at the supermarket, shoppers wanted to know if it was any good; when I pulled up at my local park, dog walkers and joggers stopped to check out the car. It seems people are genuinely interested in the idea of a Mini 4x4.

Which is good news for the Cowley firm of course. With more and more rivals desperate to grab a slice of Mini's lucrative "boutique" market, it needs to explore new areas to maintain sales.

Critics have argued that the Countryman

is too big to be a "proper" Mini but buyers will not be put off if it offers what they are looking for.

And it certainly gives former Cooper drivers who have traded in their Minis for something larger, because kids have come along, the chance to return to the brand.

I have to admit I was not particularly bowled over by the look of the car when the first pictures were released.

But when I set eyes on the test car in the metal, I started to change my mind – I think it looks particularly good in the monochrome colours of white and black.

The stylish cabin should prove a big hit with Mini fans. It offers the expected mix of the retro and the modern, with the familiar huge speedometer dominating the centre of the dashboard.

But it is the new "centre rail" that is arguably the car's most intriguing feature. It is effectively a twin metal bar running down the centre of the car between the front and rear seats to which a variety of storage containers, audio devices and cup holders can be added.

Opting for the full-length centre rail means you only get two lounge-style back seats but a three-seater bench can be specified as an alternative.

As the Countryman is an SUV, the driving position is raised, but only slightly, so you don't feel like you are driving a van.

Visibility is good and I liked the narrow doors which are less prone to being dinged in car parks than the wider ones on the regular Mini. The boot is more than twice the size of a regular Mini.

Seat comfort was reasonable but the cushioning is flat and there needs to be more lateral support to cope with twisting B-roads.

The driver controls the settings for features such as air conditioning, audio and satellite navigation from an iDrive-style knob, which is finished in downmarket plastic instead of the swish aluminium of the more upmarket BMW cars.

The system initially looks complicated but once you get used to the idea of pushing the knob sideways to scroll through the menus it's surprisingly easy to navigate your way round.

Perhaps the most pleasing thing about the Countryman is the way it drives. Mini engineers have worked hard to preserve the sporting characteristics for which the brand is renowned. The steering is sharp and well-weighted, there's plenty of zip from the 1.6 litre 184hp Cooper S powerplant, and the six close-spaced gears add to the sporty nature of the drive.

The Countryman goes round corners and roundabouts as if on rails and generally offers arguably the sportiest drive of any

crossover under £25K. There aren't too many of its competitors that can hit 60mph in seven and a half seconds and have a top speed of 136mph.

Most Countryman models are front-wheel drive but the test car was the flagship model which came with Mini's ALL4 four-wheel drive system. It felt utterly solid on the road and all-wheel drive will certainly prove useful when the bad weather returns.

Further peace of mind should come in the form of the car's five-star safety rating and the popular "tic" package, which takes care of servicing for five years/50,000 miles for a very reasonable one-off payment of £200.

BMW claims an optimistic 46mpg for the combined cycle but 35mpg would seem to be closer to the mark, especially as the engine is more than happy to rev.

Downsides? The Countryman is not exactly the cutest of Minis and it's still not massively large if it's a family carry-all that you're after. Nor is it particularly cheap.

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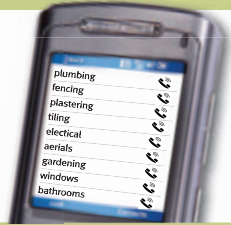
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## CRICKET

## Jonker stars again as Walsall dominate table-toppers



Walsall's Jack Manuel hits a four. Picture: Tony Marsh

High-flying Himley were downed by South African Christian Jonker as Walsall claimed a winning draw in their clash at Gorway.

Jonker's 76, 47 from Jack Manuel and 45 from David Powles helped Walsall make 245-6 in their 55 overs.

Chris Tranter (3-38) was the pick of the Himley bowlers. With their reply restricted to 46 overs by rain, Himley could only manage 160-8 to claim a losing draw.

Greg Wright made 59 and Richard Jones 43 but Walsall captain Paul Byrne claimed 4-24 to bowl his side to the lion's share of the points.

Centuries from Worcestershire pair Matt Pardee and Neil Pinner helped Kidderminster to 300 against Moseley – but they fell just short of victory in the Birmingham Cricket

League Premier Division. Pinner top-scored with 120 and opener Pardee made 105 as Kidderminster amassed 301-5 in their 55 overs.

## Recorded

But 4-28 from captain Jonathan Wright and 3-30 from seamer Gareth Williams was not quite enough to see off Moseley, who held on for a losing draw at 188-9 with Laurie Evans unbeaten on 109.

A five-wicket burst from Kadeer Ali could not save West Bromwich Dartmouth from defeat as bottom side Smethwick recorded their first win of the season.

Three wickets apiece from Aurel Kirnon and Zain Shahid did the damage for Smethwick, who won by three wickets to move within a point

of second-from-bottom Wolverhampton.

Ateeq Javid's 62 and 33 from Hafeez Khan helped Dartmouth post a respectable 162 in 50.5 overs but Kirnon (3-32), Shahid (3-36) and Faisal Shahid (2-45) prevented the home side passing 200.

And Shahid (43), Mohammed Usman (33) and Harshad Patel (29) then helped Smethwick reach 166-7 despite 5-60 from occasional off-spinner Kadeer.

Wolverhampton scored 236-8 but were beaten by Barnt Green, who replied with 237-3 to top the table.

Moeen Ali top-scored for Wolverhampton with 64 and Simon Lycett hit an unbeaten 51.

## Winning draw agreed

**BLOXWICH FIRST XI 220 FOR 8 CANNOCK & RUGELEY FIRST XI 128 FOR 7**  
Bloxwich first team was away this week and did not have a great start to the game with Cannock & Rugeley winning the toss and putting Bloxwich in to bat.

The top 4 batsmen all got starts but struggled to get the ball due to some steady bowling by the home team. But there must have been something in the water at drinks as the Bloxwich batsmen put the bowling side to the sword. Quick-fire scoring from Aaron Allcock (34), John Ackrill (39), Andrew McAree (19) and top scorer James Lewis (41) pushed the score from 68 from 25 overs to 220 For 8 from 50 overs.

The second innings was looking a lot better for Bloxwich, with some great fielding with wickets from Ashley Worgan, Danny King, Aaron Allcock and James Lewis. This was helped with catches from keeper Andrew McAree, Ashley Worgan, Ben Hollowood and Danny King.

There was some drama with bowler Ashley Worgan and keeper Andrew McAree both going for a catch and running into each other. Worgan was hospitalised with a broken collarbone. Bloxwich was set for the win but a few overs later the captains shook hands and agreed to a winning draw for Bloxwich.

## LEISURE LEAGUES

## Singh knock Youth for six in Premier

Singh's Six were in free scoring form at the summit of the Walsall 6 a side Thursday Premier Division as they handed out a 7-3 hammering to Youth Harted, but Shower Dan took the headlines with an outstanding 10-1 drubbing of B Tidy FC.

Calum Mosdale starred for First Division table toppers Shelfield Thursday as they saw off the challenge of Pelsall Youth by two goals to one opening up a two point gap on Sportif Bacon who slumped to a 4-1 reverse at the hands of Next Hype.

Bath Street underlined their authority in the final tier as they handed out a 7-1 drubbing to Odd Balls FC, whilst Aldridge Athletic will be hoping to build on their midtable standing following a 8-2 rout of R-Sis.

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PREMIER DIVISION				
Team Name	Played	Goal Diff	Points	
Singh's Six	15	45	26	
CPA	15	38	24	
Showder Dan FC	15	20	20	
Sallyjoddler	15	9	18	
Jollysaddler	15	13	17	
MACS Massive	15	-2	15	
delves parafins	15	-17	11	
youth harted	15	-17	10	
Sporting	15	-38	5	
bang tidy fc	15	-51	4	

DIVISION ONE				
Team Name	Played	Goal Diff	Points	
Shelfield Thurs	15	43	29	
Sportif Beacon	15	33	27	
Next Hype	15	39	22	
Isumotherwell	15	16	22	
Walsall Allstars	15	-3	14	
Shelfield Wed	15	0	11	
Steaua Needarest	15	-4	10	
FC Madrid 11	15	-28	9	
Pelsall Youth	15	-26	4	
Beacon Boys	15	-70	2	

DIVISION TWO				
Team Name	Played	Goal Diff	Points	
Bath street	15	74	26	
West Mids Rgs	15	45	24	
FC B-dale Rvs	15	19	24	
Mossley Milan	15	37	19	
Aldridge Athletic	15	2	16	
Inter	15	-15	12	
odd-balls fc	15	-22	10	
University Stars	15	-37	9	
R-Sis	15	-52	7	

## RUGBY

## Ex-England star Jeff hands over honours



Josh Brown and Ryan Cook receive their award from Jeff Probyn

Former England international Jeff Probyn was the guest at Willenhall RUFC's presentation night on Saturday, May 14.

The 56-year-old prop, who won 37 England caps, handed out the trophies at the gala evening.

The event saw awards presented to the club's worthy volunteers, Players of the Season, Most Improved, top try scorer and Clubman of the Year, while club ties were presented to four players who had played more than 15 matches at first team level.

For their work in the Junior section, helping with tournaments and general work in the club, Adam Clewley and Lisa Holder were presented with the Value the Volunteer Award, while Ben Walker and Sam Johnson were awarded the "Gold volunteer certificate."

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The 4th team Player of the Year went to Carl Parrish, with Ben Jelfs picking up the third team award. Matt Jelfs was the recipient of the second team Players' Player award, with his captain James Samuel winning the Player of the Year honour.

## Excellent

First team ties were awarded to Liam Blackwell, Ryan Cook, Josh Brown and Josh Cowell.

The Most Improved Player proved a tough one to call as four players from last year's Colts team played first team rugby.

Sam Coyne and Liam Blackwell made excellent progress, but Josh Brown and Ryan Cook made the move straight into the 1st XV front row – a remarkable feat considering neither



Sam Johnson and Ben Walker with Jeff Probyn

played regularly in the front row in the Colts. They were jointly awarded the prize. The first team's top try scorer was captain Tom Cowell with 10.

Josh Cowell, in his first senior season, picked up the prize accolade of 1st XV Players' Player, (the Paul Evans memorial Shield).

The Ray Rollason Award for 1st XV Player of the Season was presented by Simon Rollason and the winner was Tom Cowell.

The final award, for Clubman of the Year went to Adam Clewley.

The club's recent AGM was attended by more than 50 club members and the following individuals were elected: President: Ellyn Pugh; chairman: Dave Turner; vice-chairman: Pat Smith; secretary: Simon Rollason; treasurer: Mike McKenzie; Bar chairman: Dave Turner; Fixture Secretary: TBC; Inside Clubhouse: Mark Penny;

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4th XV Captain: Mark Webb  
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Anyone interested in playing, either competitively or socially can call the club on 01922 405694.

## GOLF

## Pair lift Alliance with 62

Walsall Golf Club pair Sam Spencer and Gary Cullen lifted the Four Ball Alliance with an impressive 62.

The duo only claimed the title on countback, however, with nearest rivals Gordon Shipley and Roger Marsh also returning a 62 in the medal event.

The following day, the ever-popular Four Ball Bogey event was won by Bob Good and Trevor Pinnegar with a +9 total.

Hot on their heels, just one shot behind, were Bish Medza and Hamilton Jones, with Martin Picken and Mark Onions a further shot adrift on +7.

On a sad note, long-time Walsall GC member Alan Underwood recently lost his long battle against illness.

Since joining the Broadway venue in 1982, Alan established himself as a friend to one and all and was one of the club's true characters.

His funeral takes place at All Saints Church, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove on Thursday, June 16 at noon.

## FOOTBALL

## Bragoli off to the Pics

Former Scholars midfielder Danny Bragoli has joined Rushall Olympic from Tipton Town.

Bragoli skipped Tipton last year in a season which saw them reach the FA Cup first round proper.

Rushall have also swooped for AFC Wulfrunians centre-half James Skedgel.

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## WALKER SIGNS ON FOR ANOTHER YEAR

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**W**alsall goalkeeping legend Jimmy Walker has signed a one-year deal with the club.

Walker, aged 37, returned to the Banks's Stadium in October after six years away however, he has made 505 appearances for The Saddlers since his debut in October 1993.



Jimmy Walker

The veteran goalie told the club website, "I'm not getting any younger and it's one thing I wanted to do so I'm happy."

"I'm looking forward to the new season now it's all sorted and hopefully we'll be at the right end of the table, where we want to be because it's been a difficult season but we're ready for the hard work and hopefully we can carry on from the success at the end of last season."

"I've had a fantastic time at the club. I get on great with all the fans and I've got some great friends here."

"It's a great club to be at and I just want to do well for the club and always have done. If it is to be my last season it will be nice to finish things here but who knows."

### Hardest

"I'm not saying it is my last but you never know but it was something I wanted to do. I think the last time I left we had just been relegated and that's probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do in football so that wasn't a nice thing to do."

"This year we've had the success of staying up and with Dean as manager and the rest of the staff behind him and I like to work for them and do my best for them and like we say hopefully come out with a bit of glory."

Walker says Dean Smith and the Saddlers' fans had a large impact on his decision to stay.

"I spoke to Dean quite a lot. He even took me for a game of golf and we had a good chat on the way round and just to mention that I beat him!"

"It's one of the things I wanted to do we'll hopefully have a great season. We'll work as hard as we possibly can and I'm sure the staff will get us working as hard as we can and we'll be fit for the season and hopefully we'll have a decent shape to the team and can kick on."

"The fans have had a massive impact. I think from the first game I struck up a great relationship with the fans and they've been fantastic; through thick and thin they've been with us."

"Last season was hard for them but they've stuck with us and we were glad at the end that we had that bit of glory for them but we don't want to settle for that, we want to be at the other end of the table."

## Dean's No2 will return to physio

Walsall are searching for a new assistant manager after Jon Whitney said he will step down. The move will spark a major backroom reshuffle with the Saddlers looking for a new No.2, coach, chief scout and head of youth.

Whitney will revert to his position as first-team physio. He was promoted by Smith after the boss succeeded Chris Hutchings in January and the pair, along with Chris Nicholl, kept the Saddlers in League One by a point.

"I'm going to be physio, I'm not going to be assistant manager next year," said Whitney.

"I'm going back to my physio duties which is a similar thing to what I was doing anyway but I just won't be Dean's No.2."

"I really enjoyed it and I'm proud of the fact I helped keep us up and I'll keep doing all I can for the club."

## Grigg's international battle

Saddlers' Will Grigg got a taste of international football for Northern Ireland Under-21s last week as they drew 0-0 in the Faroe Islands in a 2013 European Championships Qualifier. Grigg picked up a booking at half-time but played for 71 minutes. NI goalkeeper, Conor Devlin secured a point saving a last-minute penalty to give Steve Beaglehole's side a share of the spoils.

## Edgbaston nears completion



This stunning photograph shows the view the fans will have when Edgbaston cricket ground's £32m facelift is completed.

The home of Warwickshire, which was one of England's most old-fashioned Test grounds, has been transformed with a complete rebuild of the Pavilion End that will take the total capacity to 25,000.

The new facilities, which include a media centre and conference facilities, are due to be handed over to the club by contractors on July 1. The new Edgbaston stages its first Test match from August 10 to 14 when England play to host India.

As it nears completion fans can see the fantastic arena for cricket Warwickshire and England fans will be able to enjoy.

The pavilion has been rebuilt, left, and floodlights installed to give the ground a stunning nighttime look, bottom left, and the distinctive new floodlights, below right, carry the "e" for Edgbaston.



## Westlake wants to be Smith's right back man

Darryl Westlake has signalled his desire to become the 'right man' for the job at Walsall.

The right-back made 33 outings for the Saddlers last term as he helped them beat the League One drop by a point.

He has already set the team a target of the play-offs and has now revealed his personal ambition to become boss Dean Smith's first choice when it comes to the right-back position.

He said: "I want to be playing regularly and I want to be in the squad and playing every week. I'm at that age where I need to start doing it."

"I've got the capability of becoming the first choice right-back and hopefully with the games I play I can improve."

"I feel I've improved every season, with the coaching ability of Jon Whitney and the gaffer that's helped me out a lot and with Chris Nicholl coming in too I'm feeling good."

Westlake has played 57 games, scoring once, since breaking into the side in August 2009 under former boss Chris Hutchings.

He added: "Over 50 games in two seasons is good and I'm only 20 so I've got to be happy with it. I'll look to play another 30-35 games next season and get a couple more goals - I would be happy with that."

Westlake has also fired out a warning to Walsall's League One rivals and has already targeted a shock play-off tilt.

### Stunning

The ambitious player believes the Saddlers can stun the division's big-boys and complete a stunning turnaround after last season's Great Escape where they narrowly avoided the drop.

They are already one of the favourites for the drop with bookies offering 15-8 the Saddlers won't survive again.

But after they beat the trapdoor by a point, Westlake insisted Walsall can upset the odds and gate-crash the top-six next term.

"With more additions to the squad we can get into the play-offs," he said, with some bookies offering 66-1 for the Saddlers to win League One.

"With the team and form we had in the second half of the season we would have been about 10th and, building on that, I feel we can get into the play-offs."

"Because of the position we were in last season people will take us lightly but they should be wary of us next year."

The Walsall Supporters' Trust is running a coach to watch Saddlers play Greenock Morton with a bus leaving the ground at 7.30am on Wednesday, July 13. It costs £25 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Steve Davies at walsall1888@aol.com for more details.

## Taundry will be defender

Richard Taundry said he is set to undergo a summer revamp to turn him into Walsall's first-choice right-back.

The 22-year-old will be handed the chance to cement himself in the back four after a spell in defence at the end of last season.

He originally started his Saddlers' career as a right-back - before moving to midfield under former head of youth Mick Halsall while he was a trainee.

But boss Dean Smith sees him as a right-back and will put Taundry through a summer boot camp to convert him back into a defender.

"I don't mind where I play as long as I'm playing, but I'm 22 now and I need to be cementing a permanent spot," said Taundry.

"I know the manager is looking to keep me there but we'll have to see what happens. I'm happy as long as I'm in the team but want to be playing in a permanent position so hopefully I can cement one down."

"It's where I started my career, I enjoyed it and it's another plus for me. You forget a few things but you soon start picking it back up again and the lads who are here just nurtured me along, so I found it easier."

"I've gone from right-back, left-back, right midfield, left midfield, central midfield and back to right-back."

"Personally, I guess versatility is an advantage because if someone is out then I can step in but I could do with settling into one position."

## Saddlers lose race for Gill to Rovers

Walsall have lost the race for Matt Gill after the midfielder joined Bristol Rovers. The 30-year-old signed a three-year deal at the League Two club despite serious interest from the Saddlers and Exeter.

Gill was one of boss Dean Smith's top targets after a successful loan spell last term when he made eight appearances, scoring twice.

He was released by Norwich last week and will now link up with new Rovers boss

Paul Buckle - who he played with at Exeter. "We would like to welcome Matt to the club as our first summer signing," said Pirates chairman Nick Higgs.

"We have agreed terms with him and he will be signing his contract later this week after undergoing a medical with us."

"Paul has kept in constant contact with us, despite being on holiday, and Matt was a target who was very high up on his list."

"We are confident that this will be the

first of many new signings to arrive at the Memorial Stadium over the coming weeks." Last week Gill said he would love to work with Smith again if the deal was right but the lure of a long-term contract at the Mem proved too much.

"I absolutely loved my time there and I'd love to play for the gaffer if things are right. I've got a decision to make," he said.

"My agent has spoken to him and he really turned it round there."

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## Adult Learners' Week Celebrated at Awards Ceremony

BBC WM presenter, Joanne Malin helped Walsall College celebrate national Adult Learners' Week and the success of its students, during its Adult Learners' Awards Dinner on Thursday 19th May.



Outstanding adult learners: Joanne Malin celebrating with students at the Adult Learners' Awards Dinner

The former Central News presenter was guest speaker at the event, which was a celebration of the hard work and achievements of its adult learners. During the evening, 20 outstanding students were presented with Student of the Year Awards for achieving excellence in their area of study, along with an award for the overall Adult Learner of the Year, won by HND Graphic Design student, Adam Collins.

The VIP glittering event included a pre-drinks reception, a four course meal prepared by hospitality and catering students and the presentation of the awards to outstanding adult learners.

Alex Lofthouse, Assistant Principal at Walsall College added: "The Adult Learners' Awards Dinner was an ideal opportunity for Walsall College to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students and show how learning can change lives. These exceptional students are real life examples of students who have excelled through vocational learning and are an inspiration to others".



## Sixth Form in Top 10% of the Country

Walsall College is celebrating its V6 vocational sixth form being in the top 10% for success rates for young people across the country.



Celebrating success: students celebrating their achievements at the V6 Awards Ceremony

V6 success rates for 2009/10 put Walsall College in the top 10% of College's across the Country. This year's students look to top that achievement.

Walsall College's V6 is a sixth form with a difference, providing students with the vocational training to become Walsall College Graduates; *skilled, professional* and *enterprising*. The courses offered within V6 are completely vocational, giving students the practical skills, knowledge and experience employers are looking for within the world of work.

Walsall College is currently supporting over 3700 full time 16-18 year old students, along with 400 16-18 apprentices.

Amarjit Basi, Principal and Chief Executive of Walsall College said: "We are delighted to be within the top 10% for success rates on our 16-18 provision and be recognised across the region and country for our high levels of teaching and learning.

"Students can be confident that by studying at Walsall College, they have access to the best possible opportunities to achieve success and are gaining the skills required to make a real and instant contribution within their chosen industry".

## A new generation of school for the next generation of engineers and scientists.

Find out more about the Black Country University Technical College (UTC) at our roadshow event:

Date: Tuesday 28th June 2011

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Walsall College, Wisemore Campus, Littleton Street West, Walsall, WS2 8ES

For more details log on to [www.blackcountryutc.co.uk](http://www.blackcountryutc.co.uk)



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**NB:** underlined courses are based at Green Lane Campus

Come to our Community Open Day on Saturday 18th June, 11am - 4pm at both Wisemore and Green Lane Campuses where you can:

- talk to tutors and enrol on courses for September
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## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO STUDY FOR FREE\*?

Due to changes in Government funding this is the last year that you may be eligible to study for your first Level 2 or Level 3 qualification for free\*.

If you are 19 or over and do not already have a first full Level 2 or 3 qualification you may be able to study FREE of charge.

Come and talk to our guidance team at the community open day on Saturday 18th June 11am - 4pm.

\* Terms and conditions apply

## WALSALL COLLEGE TRUST

You might find lots of reasons to put off coming to college - don't let worries about finance be one of them.

The Walsall College Trust is being set up to help people in exceptional circumstances to study by awarding grants and bursaries which can be used to pay courses fees.

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## BOOST YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS WITH A UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSE

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## CAN YOUR BUSINESS TAKE ON AN APPRENTICE?

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To find out more about how apprenticeship training can support your business, call Jeanette Breckles on 01922 651159 or email [businessdevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk](mailto:businessdevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk)

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